

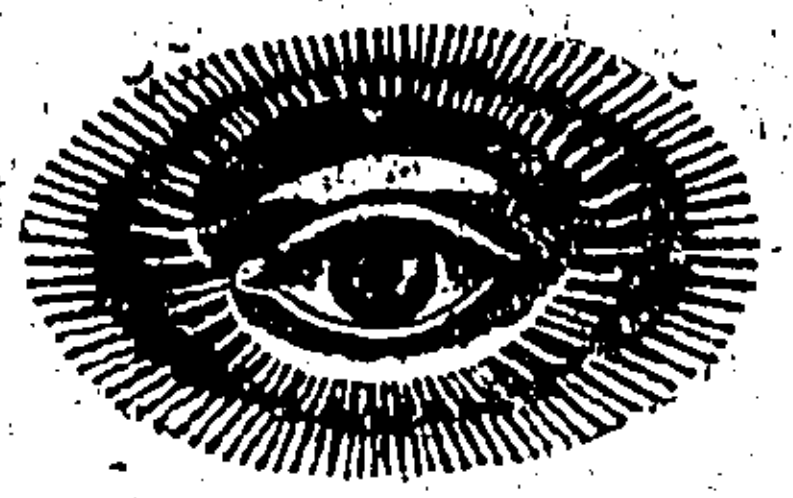
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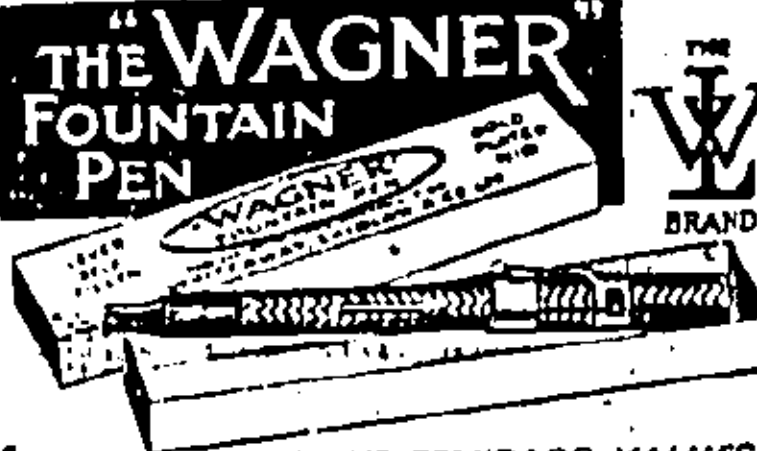
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SOUTH TAKES PUKOW. CLASH BETWEEN REDS AND NORTH. FURTHER SHANGHAI FEARS. EUGENE CHEN'S LATEST VAUNTINGS.

Shanghai, May 15.

The vernacular papers report that General Chiang Kai-shek's troops occupied Pukow this morning, taking prisoners more than 3,000 Northerners, including 600 Russians. The defeated troops are retreating to Chuchow on the Tsingpu Railway.—Reuter.

SOCONY TANKS.

North's troops Take Large Supplies.

Nanking, May 15.

It is reported that Pukow fell to the Southerners to-day, following a fairly heavy bombardment from Southern forts.

Considerable rifle and machine gun fire took place across the river on Saturday.

It is reported that, prior to the capture of Pukow, the Northern troops had taken considerable supplies of oil from the S.O.C.O.N.Y. installation there.—British Naval Wireless.

SURPRISE FOR LOOTERS.

Severely Handled By Chiang's Troops.

Shanghai, May 16.

A wireless message from Nanking states that Pukow, opposite to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to Shuchow. As soon as they had departed looters crossed the river by sampan, but were severely handled by General Chiang's troops, who had then occupied the town.

Without Fighting.

The Northerners evacuated to town without fighting, retreating up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to Shuchow. As soon as they had departed looters crossed the river by sampan, but were severely handled by General Chiang's troops, who had then occupied the town.

Pukow Shelled.

The Northerners shelled Pukow with shrapnel after the occupation by the Southerners.

The Southerners were pouring across the Yangtze yesterday above Nanking.

A wireless message from Chinkiang states that the Northerners are still holding positions on the North Bank and there are no signs of the Southerners crossing.

ADVANCE TO HANKOW.

Battles Between North's Troops and Reds.

Hankow, May 15.

There have been engagements on the Honan front between the Communist section of the Southerners and the Fengtien forces advancing on Hankow, large numbers of wounded belonging to the 11th Army having arrived back here last night.

Troop movements from Hankow to Kilmote 10, where the bulk of the Southern troops are concentrating, continue.

All is quiet in the foreign district.—British Naval Wireless.

SHANGHAI ALARM.

Planes Again Report All Quiet.

Shanghai, May 15.

An aerial reconnaissance, which was carried out by the Southerners owing to the continued reports of a proposed Northern counter-attack, showed that there was no activity or movement of troops on either bank of the Whangpu as far down as Tsungming Island.—British Naval Wireless.

[Friday's naval wireless messages stated:—Considerable apprehension was caused here by the reports that 12,000 Northern troops under General Sun Chuan-fang, had landed on Tsungming Island, at the mouth of the Yangtze. Anticipating an attack on Shanghai, the Southerners to-day sent up aeroplanes to reconnoitre and it was then found that the report was without foundation, there being neither troops, transports or warships there.]

4,000 TROOPS. 15th Infantry Brigade Here. ACCOMMODATION TAXED.

With the arrival early this afternoon of the "City of Marseilles," the four Battalions comprising the 15th Infantry Brigade, despatched to China subsequent to the Nanking outrages (with the exception of a few small details), are now in Hong Kong—some 4,000 men and officers in all.

The first of the troop ships to arrive was the s.s. "Derbyshire," which went alongside Holt's Wharf early yesterday morning. On board were the 2nd/Welch Regiment.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Another New X-Word Puzzle To-day.

The third Cross-Word Puzzle of the "China Mail's" new series is published to-day and will be found on page three of this issue. The result of last week's puzzle will be announced on Thursday.

The 56th Field Company R.E.'s and detachments of the Midsex Regiment, the Green Howards, the R.A.S.C., the R.A.M.C. and the R.A.O.C. "Nevassa," with the 1st/Queen's Royal Regiment (Queen's Royal West Surrey's) arrived this morning and went to Admiralty Buoy. Also on board are 2 Co's of the 1st Northampton's and the 56th Co. R.E.'s.

This afternoon, the s.s. "City of Marseilles" arrived, the s.s. "Derbyshire" (from which the troops had disembarked yesterday) going into midstream to allow her to go alongside Holt's Wharf.

On board the "City of Marseilles" are the Headquarters, 15th Brigade.

B. & S. SHIP AFIRE.

Sixteen Passengers Fatally Burned.
TRAPPED BY THE FLAMES.

Tientsin, May 15.

Fire broke out in the B. and S. steamer "Tungchow" at noon to-day leaving the Tientsin Wharf. The fire spread rapidly and the vessel was completely disintegrated, but a large number of Chinese were trapped by the flames below. It is reported that sixteen were fatally burned.

The fire was extinguished at three o'clock this afternoon.

Valuable assistance was rendered by H.M.S. "Foxglove" and the B. and S. steamer "Shansi".—Reuter.

The "Tungchow" trades between Shanghai, Wei-hai-wei, Chefoo and Tientsin. The "Tungchow" it will be remembered, was pirated in the Tientsin River, her then master, Captain Macintosh being severely injured in the leg.

15th Infantry Brigade Signal Section, the 2nd/Scots Guards, 2 Co's of the 1st Northampton's and the 10th Field Ambulance.

Troops from the "City of Marseilles" will be disembarked to-day but those on the "Nevassa" will remain until to-morrow.

The disposition of the troops in Hong Kong is in the hands of the Colonel, 15th Infantry Brigade, Col. B. N. Sergeant-Brooke, C.M.G., D.S.O., who arrived on the "City of Marseilles".

Of the troops disembarked yesterday, the 2nd/Welch went to the Peninsula and the 56th Field Company R.E. to the new camp at Shamshuipo. Of those to be disembarked, some will go to the Shamshuipo Camp (this has accommodation for two Battalions) and others may go to Barracks.

A few details, stores, equipment etc. are yet to arrive and are expected here in about a fortnight's time on the s.s. "Neuralia" and s.s. "City of Poona".

sent are under various subordinate Generals.

It is believed that he will personally take command in a fresh drive against Hankow, probably in co-operation with Yang Sen.—Reuter.

Warships Fired On.

Shanghai, May 14.

Firing on ships passing Nanking is becoming more frequent.

Yesterday, the American destroyer "Pillsbury" was fired on twice, while H.M.S. "Sirdar" and the British steamer "Illeg" were both fired on while they were anchored.

Several ships proceeding in convoy down-river were also fired on near Nanking.—Reuter.

COURT PRIVILEGE. Counsel And Alleged Falsehood. \$400,000 MORTGAGE CASE.

Is counsel allowed to put to a witness the allegation that he is lying without first giving the foundation of his charge?

This point led to passages between counsel at the continued hearing at the Supreme Court this morning of the case in which Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hin claim for the annulment of a mortgage on the grounds that they were "infants" at the time of its execution.

Loo Kwong-hin was under examination by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the defence) at the time. Counsel put it to this plaintiff that what he had said regarding an interview between the two plaintiffs and the late Mr. Lyson at which plaintiffs alleged Mr. Lyson was told that the two plaintiffs were under age, was false.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (for plaintiffs) objected to his Lordship asked plaintiff to withdraw whilst he and counsel discussed the point whether such a question could properly be put.

Mr. Jenkin said that under the circumstances, such a conversation as the plaintiffs had deposed to could not possibly have taken place. Counsel had no positive knowledge of the case, he could ask his Lordship to reject the evidence of the plaintiffs. Subsequent happenings made it plain, particularly in the case of the first plaintiff, that they could not be the age they claimed to be.

In regard to the interview deposed to by the plaintiffs in the late Mr. Lyson's office, counsel continued, how could it be possible for them to have told Mr. Lyson that they were not of age and for no steps to have been taken by the legal advisors of the first plaintiff to protect the right which any such "infancy" that alleged to be disclosed would confer in the matter of this mortgage?

Did He Say It?

Mr. Potter at this stage, said that he would not mind questions put on these lines, giving foundations for the allegation Mr. Jenkin had made, but what he did object to was Mr. Jenkin calling a man a liar coupled with the bald statement that he had no facts to base the charge on.

Mr. Jenkin: That is not what I said.

Mr. Jotter: But you did, Mr. Jenkin.

The plaintiff was then recalled and stated that, as the result of the information given him, Mr. Lyson wrote a letter to the mortgagees stating that Loo Kwong-lam was a "minor".

Plaintiff was examined earlier in the morning as to the second mortgage for \$100,000, in which the mortgagees were the Wuchow Receiving Agency. The period of the mortgage was six months' interest being at the rate of \$17 per \$1,000 per Chinese month.

Questioned regarding a "release" and an "assignment" which he had signed respecting this, plaintiff said that he did not know their purport at the time. His elder brother, Lim Yuk told him that he would not get any money unless he signed. He saw his brother Loo Kwong-lam sign so he signed.

Plaintiff's Denial.

Witness denied that the nature of the documents signed was mentioned when the brothers who were party to them and Sung, were discussing taking action against the elder brother.

Counsel put it to plaintiff that before the documents were signed, in Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's office, Mr. Blake had pointed to plaintiff and asked who he was; that Sung had replied giving plaintiff's name and stating that he was of age.

Witness denied this.

Witness also denied having heard his brother Loo Kwong-lam declare in Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley's office, in an answer to a question by the interpreter Leung, that he was of age.

The case is proceeding, the examination of witnesses for the plaintiff having concluded.

The defence will open this afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST.

8. or variable winds; moderate; generally fair, fog in morning, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer, 29.87; temperature, 77; humidity 91.

ARCOS RAID. Search For Missing State Document. OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO-DAY.

Rugby, May 15.

The police are still in possession of Arcos Building and the systematic search authorised by the magistrate's warrant was continued until late last night and was resumed to-day.

The warrant was applied for on information which came into the possession of the police regarding a missing State document. Pending a statement in the House of Commons to-morrow no official version of the raid has been published.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Messages.

Moscow, May 15.

An extraordinary session of the Soviet Council of Trade and Industry has passed a resolution strongly protesting against the Arcos raid, declaring that it will lead to the break up of mutual Anglo-Russian trade relations established during the last few years, and proposing that the foreign trade commissariat permit the transfer to other countries of the "licences" covering orders to the extent of tens of millions sterling, which it was proposed to place in Britain, and that necessary negotiations be immediately started with these countries, but declaring that Soviet industry and trade will guarantee the fulfilment of all obligations following from orders placed in Britain, subject to obtaining the same guarantees from British firms with whom they are dealing.—Reuter.

Peking Example.

Paris, May 14.

"The British Cabinet has followed Chang Tso-lin's good example," says the "Journal Des Debats," commenting on the Arcos raid.

"La Liberte" declares that Britain is at grips with the Soviets from Peking to London and with her usual tenacity she will probably go on to a finish. The paper adds that the new Japanese Cabinet is no more disposed to tolerance and asks "is it the beginning of a final struggle?"—Reuter.

Credits Arranged.

London, May 14.

Simultaneously with the Arcos House raid the newspapers state that a credit scheme for \$10,000,000, to become operative immediately, had been arranged between the Midland Bank and the Soviet Trade Delegation in order to assist in placing Russian orders in Great Britain.

Sir Allan Smith, who is responsible for opening the negotiations, in an interview, said that but for the Arcos House raid the preliminary steps toward placing a number of important orders would already have been made.—Reuter.

Moscow Growl.

Moscow, May 14.

The "Izvestia" says that Arcos House raid was inspired by the example of Peking. It practically means the beginning of the realisation of the threat of a rupture of relations contained in Sir Austen Chamberlain's last Note.

The British Government, it says, is again bringing out the Soviet bogey in order to divert the attention of the public and enable it painlessly to enact the Trade Union Bill.

The raid, it continues, deals a blow to the Economic Conference at Geneva for without Soviet participation it would be impossible to restore the economic life of Europe. The policy of rupture, which the British Government has apparently definitely adopted, is pregnant with the danger of grave complications. Wrecking British-Soviet relations will ruinously affect the general economic situation in Europe. The responsibility for such a catastrophe will fall entirely upon the British Government which "started with forgery and ends with a pogrom."—Reuter.

Japan Also Acts.

Tokyo, May 14.

A number of arrests have been made in the course of the last few days of Russians and Japanese suspected of Communist activities. Some have been released before examination and others detained. In the meantime, the strictest watch is being maintained at all ports.

Though at present a purely Police matter, well informed circles hint that it may possibly develop into something more serious, though it is emphasised that the action taken is mainly a precautionary measure as the Police are said to be most perturbed at the signs of increasing unrest.

This sudden Police activity can be explained by the appointment of Mr. Miyata as the new chief of Metropolitan Police on the change of Cabinet; he (Mr. Miyata) having made a special study of the whole situation prior to taking office.—Reuter.

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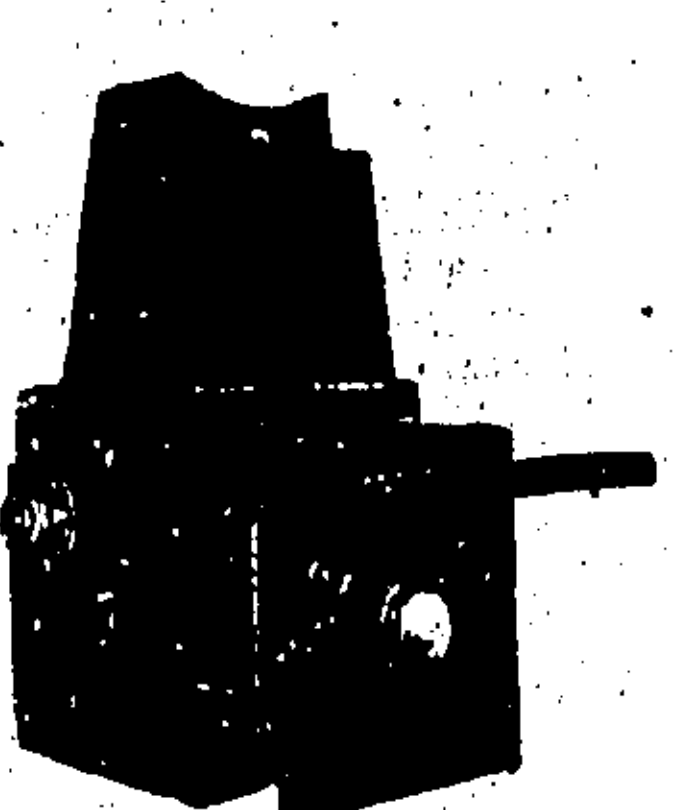
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Mt. Davis	877
Sowen Rd. (Alterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Faimoshan	8124
Towloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of
Shareholders will be held at the
Office of the undersigned on
TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Agents,
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended the 31st
December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th
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JARDINE, MATHESON &
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the Registered Office of the Com-
pany not less than forty-eight
hours before the time for holding
of such Poll notwithstanding that
such Powers of Attorney have al-
ready been produced to and noted
by the Company.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY-FOURTH
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of the Society will be held at the
Head Office, Union Building, Hong
Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927,
at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statements of
Account to 31st December, 1926,
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Society will be CLOSED from May
4th to May 20th, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the SIXTY-FIRST OR-
DINARY YEARLY MEETING of
the Company will be held at its
Head Office, Union Building, Hong
Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927,
at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
and the Statements of Ac-
count to 31st December, 1926, and
of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
May 4th to May 20th, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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that the FIFTY-EIGHTH
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of the Company will be held at its
Head Office, Union Building, Hong
Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY,
1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
and the Statements of Ac-
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and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the above Company will be held
at the Company's Office, on
SATURDAY, the 21st of May, 1927,
at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
General Managers, together with a
Statement of Accounts to the 31st
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General Managers,
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927.

PRODUCE SHOW.

NEW TERRITORIES SCHEME
PROGRESSES.

SATURDAY'S MEETING.

Under the efficient chairmanship
of the Rev. H. R. Wells, the Com-
mittee of the New Territories Agri-
cultural Show, 1927, held one of
their periodical meetings at Sir
Robert Ho Tung's experimental
farm at Sheung Shui on Saturday.
Since the first meeting, we learn
from Mr. J. P. Braga, the hon-
orary Secretary, that Sir Cecil
Clementi, K.C.M.G., has been ap-
proached and has consented to act
as Patron of the Agricultural Show
to be held next December. Mr.
J. A. Fraser, District Officer
(North) has been invited to act as
Vice-Patron.

A letter was read from Mr.
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, who was un-
avoidably prevented from attend-
ing Saturday's meeting, that His
Excellency the Governor would
present a prize for the Show. Fur-
ther, that Messrs. Lane, Crawford
and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Brunner
Mond and Co. had signified their in-
tention of securing space for put-
ting up displays. In the latter con-
nection opportunity would be
afforded at the Show for the display
of British and foreign agricultural
implements and various kinds of
fertilizers. Intending exhibitors
would be well advised to communi-
cate with the hon. secretaries—
English and Chinese—as to the al-
locations of space they would like
to reserve.

Welcome Donations.
As the result of an appeal issued
by Mr. L. Gibbs, a member of the
Finance Sub-Committee, for sub-
scriptions to defray the cost of the
Show, the following individual
donations have been received:—

Sir Robert Ho Tung \$50, Mr. L.
Gibbs \$20, Mr. G. G. Wood \$20, Mr.
G. P. de Martin \$20, The Hon. Sir
H. E. Pollock, K.C. \$20, Mr. H. B. L.
Dowbiggin \$20, The Hon. Sir J. H.
Kemp \$10, Mr. D. W. Trautman \$10,
Mr. A. E. Wood \$10, Mr. N. L. Smith
\$10, Mr. E. L. Agassiz \$10, His
Hon. Mr. Justice Wood \$10, The
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. \$10,
Mr. E. M. Hazeland \$5, Mr. E. I.
Wynne Jones \$5.

Mr. Tsot Po-kin, a member of the
Chinese section of the Finance
Sub-Committee, has started the
Chinese list with a donation of \$30.
The initial outlay for housing the
Show alone will, it is estimated,
amount to over \$1,500. The Com-
mittee will therefore, need all the
assistance and co-operation it can
get from the community towards
making the experimental Show a
success.

The proposed exhibition is de-
signed to demonstrate the possi-
bilities of developing the New Ter-
ritories and, incidentally, of in-
creasing and improving the vege-
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tee has, therefore, the benefit of
Mr. Gibbs' technical advice and
long experience. Sir Robert Ho
Tung's spacious and well laid out
experimental farm at Sheung Shui,
besides being centrally and con-
veniently situated for the purposes
of the Show, is an admirable site
for housing the Show building.

Experimental Cotton Growing.
The Chairman (Rev. H. R.
Wells), at last Saturday's meeting,
complimented Mr. Fung Kei-cheuk
for his generosity and public spirit
in obtaining, at his own cost, a bag
of cotton seeds from the agricul-
tural department of the Nanking
University which was handed over
to the Chinese members of the Com-
mittee for distribution among the
farmers throughout the districts of
the New Territories.

Mr. Fung, who was formerly
connected with the China Provident
Loan and Mortgage Co., has since
retired from business and is devot-
ing his leisure in experimental
farming. With the seeds distribut-
ed on Saturday Mr. Fung supplied
a quantity of printed instructions
in Chinese for the successful sow-
ing of cotton seeds.

These instructions were compiled
by Mr. Fung himself as a result of
his practical experience and should
yield good results. Another hand-
bill, also in Chinese, for which Mr.
Fung Kei-cheuk claims authorship,
contains general advice to farmers
for the cultivation of crops, etc.

Bright Prospects.
These helpful hints to farmers
will be explained "to the tillers of
the soil" in the New Territories, who
are unable to understand the writ-
ten language, through the Gentry
Assembly Hall at Taiipo, and the
Hop Yick Company of On Long, the
two important centres of com-
munity affairs in the territories.
Asked as to the possibility of
successful cotton cultivation in the
New Territories, Mr. Fung expressed
himself as very enthusiastic.

He has a small experimental nur-
sery in Happy Valley, not far from
the Parakee Cemetery. The cotton
seeds sown there have germinated
well and the young plants are
thriving beautifully.

If climatic difficulties could be
successfully overcome and cotton
cultivation be made a practicable
industry in the Colony, the Agricul-
tural Committee will deserve well
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SATURDAY'S CATHEDRAL
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KEYMER—LYNCH.

A wedding of interest to the
local Military and Naval com-
munity and to other friends in
Hong Kong and elsewhere took
place at St. John's Cathedral on
Saturday, the parties being Lieut.
Ronald William Keymer, R.N.
(of H.M.S. "Titan"), eldest
surviving son of the Rev. B. N.
Keymer, M.A. and the late Mrs.
Keymer, and Miss Norah Eleanor
Lynch, eldest daughter of Major
J. P. Lynch, R.A.M.C. and Mrs.
Lynch.

The Rev. C. F. Stopford,
Chaplain to the Forces, officiated
and the ceremony was attended
by many naval, military and civil-
ian friends.

The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, wore a
gown of white georgette over
white satin, with silver lace and
a train of white georgette and
lace. Her bouquet was of white
roses. Miss Marjorie was the
bridesmaid and the duties of
"best man" were carried out by
Capt. Brownjohn, M.C., R.E.

Following the service at the
Cathedral, a reception was held
at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The bride's going away
costume was a blue and grey
crêpe-de-chine two piece suit, with
blue hat, and grey shoes and
stockings to match.

Lieut. and Mrs. Keymer leave
for England to-morrow.

Among the many wedding pre-
sents received by the bride and
bridegroom were the following:—
Bridegroom: to Bride, Canton
shawls; Bride: to Bridegroom,
silver cigarette case; Bride's
parents to bride and bridegroom,
tortoise-shell toilet set, Limoges
tea and coffee set and cheque.

Major-General and Mrs. Luard,
pair of Chinese vases; Com-
modore and Mrs. Pearson, set of
Parisian finger bowls; Lieut.-
Colonel and Mrs. Boylan Smith,
cheque; Officers, 4th Submarine
Flotilla, silver rose bowl; Officers
and other ranks of H.M. Sub-
marine L.20, case of cutlery;
Officers, H.M.S. "Iroquois,"
carved lacquer box; Lieut.-Colonel
Coates and Officers, 5-2 Punjab
Regt., silver rose bowl; Officers,
Royal Artillery, Kowloon, gold
and silver cigarette box.

Among the passengers homeward
bound on the P. and O. "Malwa"
from Singapore was Lieut.-Colonel
C. J. Pickering, C.M.C., D.S.O., the
Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn.
the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.
During his stay here Col. Pickering
has been a very popular officer and
made many friends among the civil-
ian community in Malaya. He
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his absence.

NOTICES.

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By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Macao, 16th May, 1927.

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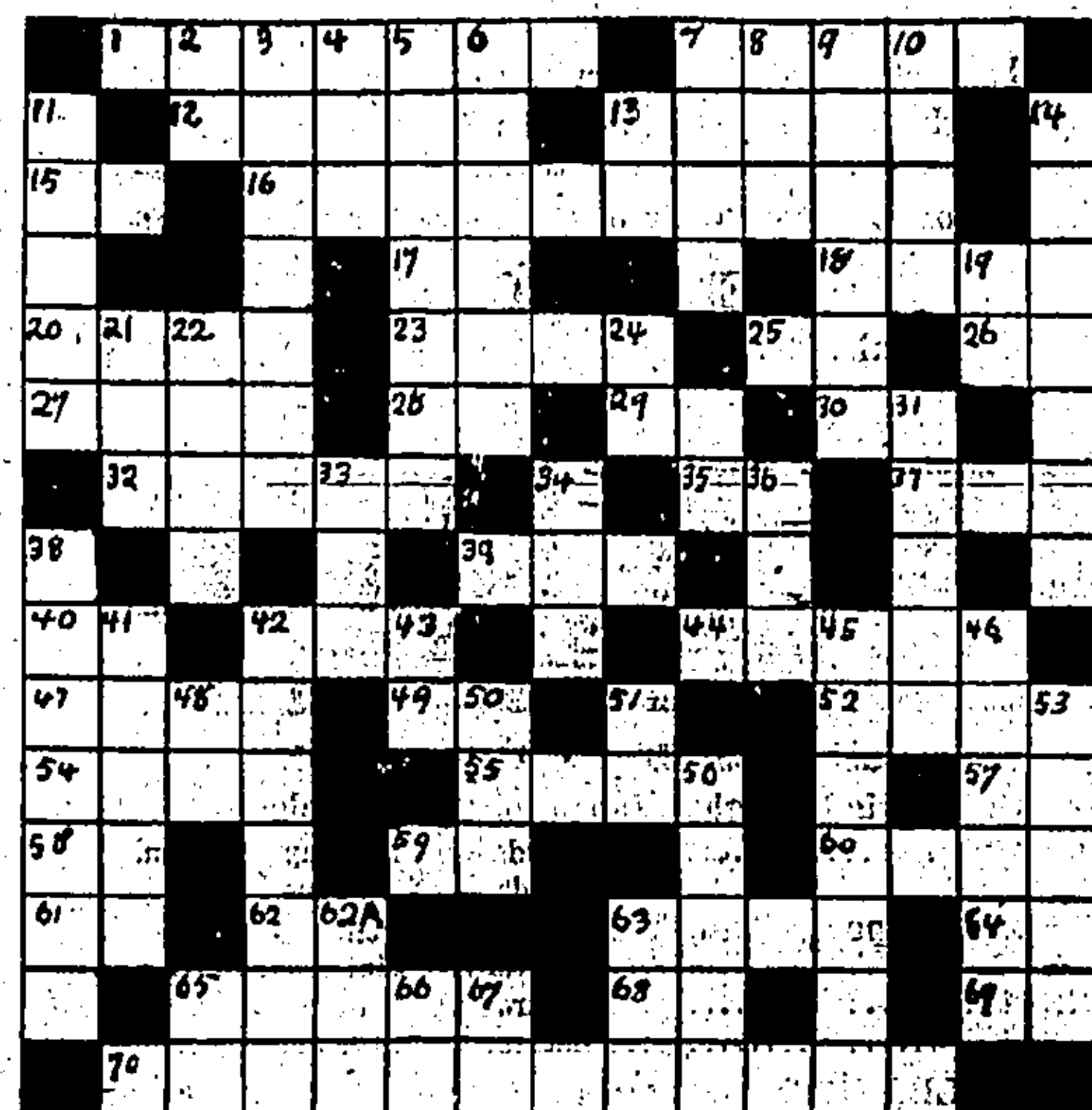
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Across.	Down.
1. Manifesto.	2. T. B. (actual).
3. Consequential.	3. Part of machine moved by the foot.
4. Pierce.	4. E. E. V. (actual).
5. To cause to rise.	5. Klashed with violence.
6. A prefix meaning iteration.	6. Fits for insertion into a mortice?
7. Vanishing.	7. The grampus.
8. A prefix signifying in conjunction.	8. A wave.
9. Largest great division of the globe.	9. Natural.
10. Captures by wile.	10. Captures by wile.
11. To make a harsh grating sound.	11. C. S. (actual).
12. Knotted.	12. Knotted.
13. Impersonal neuter pronoun.	13. A fit of peevishness.
14. A fit of peevishness.	14. Strays from the right path.
15. Strays from the right path.	15. Same as 40 across.
16. Same as 40 across.	16. Musical drama.
17. Musical drama.	17. A point.
18. A point.	18. To rise in blisters, breaking in white froth.
19. To rise in blisters, breaking in white froth.	19. A hicough.
20. A hicough.	20. An injection.
21. An injection.	21. An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner.
22. An oriental soldier disciplined in the European manner.	22. A town in ancient Greece.
23. A town in ancient Greece.	23. L. P. (actual).
24. L. P. (actual).	24. The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation.
25. The rapid reiteration of tones without any apparent cessation.	25. To incur.
26. To incur.	26. L. R. (actual).
27. L. R. (actual).	27. The Dutch.
28. The Dutch.	28. A legend.
29. A legend.	29. V. B. (actual).
30. V. B. (actual).	30. North Britain (abbreviated).
31. North Britain (abbreviated).	31. D. U. (actual).
32. D. U. (actual).	

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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The contract was obtained in the face of the keenest world-wide competition, for over twenty tenders were submitted by different nations, including a large number of Continental countries.

First Order of Its Kind. The order is the first of its kind that Messrs. Thornycroft have ever received, for although they have tendered to foreign governments for destroyers, they have never previously been successful. It is difficult to determine the number of men who will be employed, but when work is in full swing it is likely that a thousand more than are usually required by the Woolston Yard will be needed.

There are certain outstanding technical details which have yet to be settled. This is, however, merely a matter of arrangement, and it is anticipated that the work will be in progress on the first vessel in the very near future.

In their endeavour to obtain the contract, which was exceedingly difficult in view of the large number of firms tendering,

many of them far better situated as regards their proximity to the great coal and iron fields, Messrs. Thornycroft closely cut their price, well knowing that they might rely upon the hearty co-operation of the staff and men employed to do their utmost to bring the contract to a successful conclusion. There is no doubt, however, that the excellence of the firm's design was a big contributory factor in bringing the work to Southampton.

The destroyers will, it is understood, each have a tonnage of about 1,320, and a length of approximately 280 feet, with a speed of 35 knots.

North Yard May Re-open. It is not yet decided in which part of the shipyard these vessels will be laid down, but it is quite possible that the North Yard, which has been closed since the post-war boom, will be opened before long.

The placing of the present contract will not, however, exhaust all the accommodation at Woolston, for several vacant slips will be available for future contracts. Until the technical details in regard to a number of points are settled, it will be impossible to order the material or lay the keels, so that an interval will necessarily elapse before the work is actively commenced.

Messrs. Thornycroft have carried out at Southampton, and their yard on the Thames, many minor contracts of naval and semi-naval character for foreign governments in the past, the work completed being of vastly different character, for countries as widely diverse as Brazil, Argentine, Siam, and Greece. They have, however, designed extensively for foreign governments, and quite recently the Roumanian Government accepted Thornycroft's plans for destroyers which are to be built in Italian yards.

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CARGO COOLIE'S FATAL FALL.

A cargo coolie received severe injuries to his head on Saturday when he fell from the s.s. "Hydrangea" in to a junk. He died in the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

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	Departure	Friday	May 6	5 a.m.
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	Departure	Saturday	May 7	Noon
TAWAU	Arrival	Saturday	May 7	6 p.m.
	Departure	Sunday	May 8	5 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Arrival	Monday	May 9	6 a.m.
	Departure	Wednesday	May 11	4 a.m.
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KALYAN	9,144	10th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

Some time ago we "Straits Times" urged the Imperial Government to take the initiative in routing out piratical nests in Cantonese waters and coastal territory. Shortly afterwards came the "Sunning" piracy. This seems to have proved the last straw on the Imperial camel's back. Result—Bias Bay sent up in smoke by a Royal Navy expeditionary force. Since the Bias Bay raid there has been a lull in piratical activities, but it would be going too far to take it for granted that it is more than a lull. And day we may expect to hear of a British steamer being captured by Chinese buccaners and looted. Are we taking all the steps reasonably possible to prevent this occurring? Are existing Piracy Prevention regulations adequate, or can they be improved? There seems to be only three ways open by which we can prevent Chinese piracy on the open seas being a profitable industry: Naval patrol of the affected areas; effective search of passengers for arms and ammunition at the port of embarkation; the fortifying of the navigating bridge of ships liable to be threatened when on the open seas. There is an erroneous assumption in the minds of many people that the duty of defending a merchant ship against attack lies primarily with the Royal Navy, whereas the true position is that such defence rests primarily with the owners. Even if it was otherwise, it must be borne in mind that the affected areas of the China seas are so extensive that it is impracticable for the Navy to give complete patrol protection. From Singapore to Bias Bay is nearly 1,490 miles and from Bias Bay onwards to Taku another 1,300 miles. The most the Navy can do for us is to assist us by patrolling the seawards' approaches to known pirate strongholds. There is another very important point also to be considered. This point is made plain by Lieut. Commander Pitcairn Jones, R.N., in a memorandum forwarded to the "Sunning" Piracy Commission, whose report has now been presented to the Government of Hong Kong—the danger in which the lives of officers and passengers on pirated boats would be placed by the approach of naval patrols in view of the threats of murder on any such approach. As to effective search at ports of embarkation, it is doubtful if it can be ever made really effective if the shipping trade is not to be adversely affected, possibly destroyed. In Singapore we have a system of official search provided reasonable suspicion is reported that arms have been, or are being smuggled on to a particular ship, otherwise there is no official search. Some of the shipping companies and agencies attempt to protect themselves by a sort of guarantee for every Chinese passenger, but the guarantee appears to be of very little real value. Even if any one port is thorough in its searching methods, there are other ports of call where it is an easy matter for pirates to get on board and we do not see how this can be prevented unless a common level of inspection can be introduced throughout the affected fields. The general attitude adopted by those Chambers of Commerce mostly concerned may be taken as summed up by the Hong Kong Chamber:—"If official searching can be made to dovetail into existing shipping organisations without injuring economic working it would be valuable."

This brings us to the third point. The pirates depend for success on getting control of the ship by surprise. It would not be overstepping the mark of fairness if we stated that the execution of the pirates' carefully prepared plans is facilitated by a certain amount of precautionary laxity on the part of shipping owners—and on the part of officers on ships. In the case of the "Sunning," it is true the officers, by a deed of great courage, re-took the vessel after the pirates thought they had it securely in their grasp, yet, if we give that importance which is due to the findings of the "Sunning" inquiry, we realise that the precautionary measures taken were inadequate. The officers did not carry revolvers; the main deck grilles were continuously open; the guards' quarters were situated outside the gridded area; further, the grilles were of a nature that made them sufficiently easy to scale; and the "Sunning" had no authoritative "scheme" of defence. The "Sunning" Piracy Commission points out that the recovery of the "Sunning" and the ready in complete charge of the pirates was effected entirely

from a complete undefended bridge, very lightly manned. This unfortified bridge, on recapture, proved itself impregnable; and failing control of only this part of the ship, the whole plan of the pirates was completely defeated. Given then a fortified bridge with guards at the entrances under the eye of the officer of the watch, a surprise is hardly possible. It may be safely surmised that pirates, whose only object is to get away with the booty, would even hesitate to plan an attack if they saw such a serious obstacle in the way of success. Even if they gained control of the engine room it would be difficult for them to direct the ship to their lair; and if they grounded the ship, they would be under fire from the bridge in attempting to escape. It would also be open to the officers to send out wireless signals, if wireless was provided and installed within the fortified area. A properly organised and co-ordinated scheme, which included fortified navigation areas, reasonable official searches and naval patrols, should go far to put an end to piracy. But before such a scheme could be formulated, it would be necessary for the administrations of the countries directly affected, the British Admiralty and the shipping companies to get together and agree to definite regulations, which could be enforced by a recognised body appointed for that purpose.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on May 14, at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on May 13, at 11.30 a.m., left that port on May 14, at 10 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 3 p.m., left Nagasaki to-day, at 2 a.m., and is due at Kobe to-morrow, at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on May 9, at 4 p.m., with the outward mails, and was due here to-day, at about 7 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Santha" will leave Amoy for this port this evening, and is due here on May 18, p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlomond" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on May 20.

CAR DROPS INTO HARBOUR.

A car containing five people plunged into St. Helier Harbour, Jersey, after crashing through the protecting chain.

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Apart from the driver, Mr. Cecil Hutton, who had a fractured collar bone, no one was seriously injured. Two of the occupants were pinned under the car and were got out with difficulty. They were all taken to the general hospital for treatment. The car was smashed and a punt was also seriously damaged.

TERRIFIC GALE OFF GUTALA.

Madras, May 14.

It is reported from Rajahmundry that nearly fifty persons were drowned through the sinking of a launch which was proceeding to Polavaram when it was caught in a terrific gale off Gutala.—Reuter.

"LEUNG KWONG" INQUIRY.

At 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday a Marine Court of Inquiry will sit to examine the circumstances attending the "Leung Kwong" disaster.

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Straits & Calcutta	CHAKSANG	Wed., 18th May, at 3 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka	KWANGSANG	Thurs., 19th May, at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	KUMSANG	Sun., 22nd May, at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOSHING	Wed., 25th May, at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HOSANG	Thurs., 26th May, at 3 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	HANGSANG	Fri., 27th May, at 3 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy & Moji	KUTSANG	Sun., 29th May, at 7 a.m.
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J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 10th May, 1927.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

May 13 to 19, 1927.

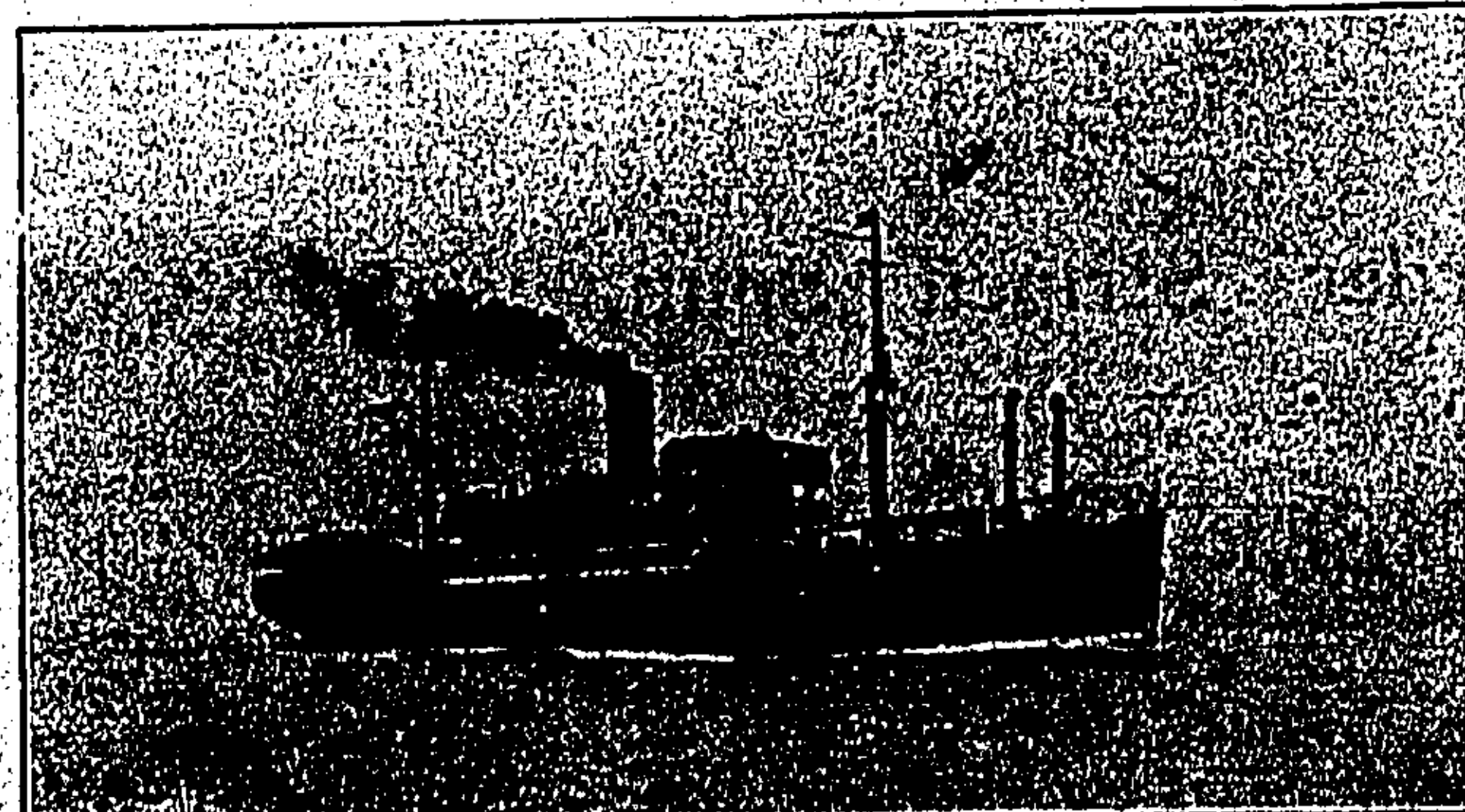
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Fri. 13	m 7 49	m 1 18
Sat. 14	m 8 42	m 1 51
Sun. 15	m 9 30	m 2 28
Mon. 16	m 10 12	m 3 03
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June 8	San Francisco	Dymic	July 9	Port-Cbrg June 15
June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	Port-Cbrg June 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homerie	July 23	Port-Cbrg June 29
June 28	Seattle	Levathan	Aug. 1	Port-Cbrg July 7
July 5	San Francisco	Bongarin	Aug. 8	Port-Cbrg July 14
July 12	Seattle	Levathan	Aug. 10	Port-Cbrg July 16
July 19	San Francisco	Levathan	Aug. 20	Port-Cbrg July 26
July 27	Seattle	Aquilana	Aug. 24	Port-Cbrg Aug. 30
Aug. 2	San Francisco	Mojetic	Sept. 3	Port-Cbrg Sept. 10

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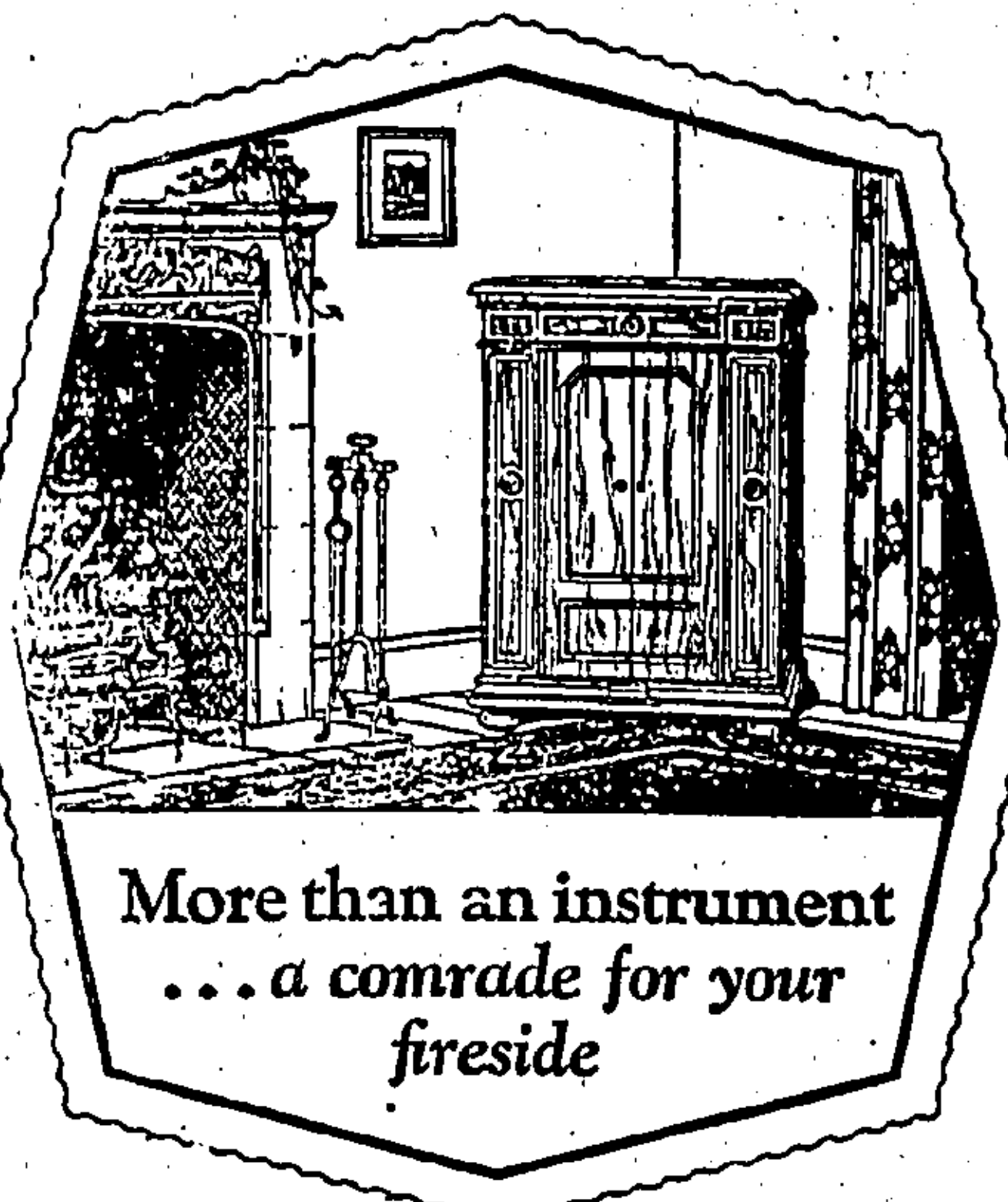
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Hong Kong, Monday, May 16, 1927.

ARCOS HOUSE RAID.

Sensation follows sensation in
regard to the world-wide cam-
paign against the Communists.
The nations have been thoroughly
aroused to the true meaning of
Communist propaganda, and they
are now determined to have none
of it in their midst.

The "Izvestia," the Moscow
newspaper, may be technically
correct in asserting that the raid
on Arcos House, London, the
headquarters of the Soviet Trade
Delegation, was inspired by the
earlier raid on the Soviet Lega-
tion premises in Peking. Even
though it was, where is the point
in mentioning it? The revelations
in Peking demonstrated the vast
network underlying Soviet ma-
chinations and the extent to
which Moscow is prepared to go
in disrupting other nations and
sowing the seeds of Bolshevism.

No secret has ever been made
of the desire of Soviet Russia to
create what it termed a "world
revolution" and substitute tran-
quillity by violence. The time had
arrived for mere protests against
this insidious propaganda in
Great Britain and elsewhere to be
replaced by determined steps to
curb Moscow's activities.

Until an official statement is
made in the House of Commons
revealing the grounds for the raid
on Arcos House and the dis-
coveries there made, comment on
the actual raid must be deferred.
It is, however, noteworthy, that
the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in
London has lodged a formal pro-
test, touched in the usual lan-

guage of the "injured innocent."
Moscow adopted the same pro-
cedure in respect of the raid in
Peking—protested at the earliest
possible moment in the hope of
impressing the world with the
bona fides of its case.

Until the British authorities
tell all that there is to be told
about Arcos House no great heed
can be paid to the Soviet effort to
protest Moscow's innocence and
to pose before the world as an
aggrieved party. Probably that
protest will be "forgotten" by
Soviet Russia before anybody
else! It may find it more discreet
to suppress its terribly outraged
feelings, or else endeavour to
"save face" by looking around for
the usual scapegoat. Nothing
that it may say or do, how-
ever, can alter one iota the out-
standing fact that one by one all
the nations are becoming united
in their stand against Communism
and are bent on long last in ensur-
ing that it can no longer find a
suitable soil in which to grow and
menace the peace of civilisation.

COUNCIL MEMBER?

NOMINATION OF MR. J. OWEN
HUGHES.

COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE.

It is understood that one
nomination only has been received
for the position of Chamber of
Commerce representative on the
Legislative Council—that of Mr.
J. Owen Hughes, of Messrs. Harry
Wickham & Co. who is proposed
by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard
and seconded by the Hon. Mr.
A. C. Hynes.

The meeting of the Hong Kong
General Chamber of Commerce to
decide the representation takes
place this afternoon.

The vacancy is due to the fact
that the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard,
the present representa-
tive of the Chamber of Commerce
on the Council, will serve in
future on the appointment of
H.E. the Governor.

HONG KONG'S HEALTH.

Two cases of small pox (Vic-
toria), four of enteric fever (three
Victoria and the other Kowloon),
and one of relapsing fever (import-
ed) were notified in yesterday's
health return, all being Chinese ex-
cept one case of enteric fever
which was Indian.

Said to be a member of the
crew of the troopship "Derby-
shire," a man named M. J.
Watson was this morning fined
\$5 by Major Wilson for being
drunk and disorderly in town last
night.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS'

GROWTH UNDER RETIRING
HEADMISTRESS.

SATURDAY'S PRESENTATION.

The growth of St. Stephen's
Girls' College from a small school
of fourteen Chinese girls learning Eng-
lish on the one side and vernacular
on the other was referred to at
a concert at the College on Satur-
day evening when Miss Middleton
Smith, Headmistress, to whose de-
voted efforts this growth is largely
due, was presented with tokens
of the students' esteem and regard.
Miss Middleton Smith is leaving
for Home by the s.s. "Morea" on
the 29th inst.

There were over seven hundred
present at Saturday evening's con-
cert which took place in the College
Hall, among the prominent visitors
present being Mr. W. W. Hornell,
Vice-Chancellor of the University,
Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Jus-
tice, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr.
Kwok Siu Lau, Rev. T. W. Pearce,
Dr. S. W. Tso and Rev. G. T. Walde-
grave.

Among the items comprising a
most interesting programme was a
Chinese play written by the girl
students and performed by the
boarders and others which met with
the unstinted applause of the audi-
ence were an English folk dance by
girls attired in modern Chinese
dress and the staff's contribution,
which consisted of a song accom-
panied by hand bells.

Students' Tribute.

Miss Li Yuk-wa, head girl of the
College, in proposing Miss Middle-
ton Smith on behalf of the students
with a carved blackwood trunk with
stand and a rosewood trunk with
stand, said that the students want-
ed to thank their Headmistress for
all she had done for the College.
Since she had become the Principal,
the standard had been raised and
students came not only from all
over the Colony but also from vari-
ous parts of China. Miss Middle-
ton Smith not only took a keen in-
terest in English subjects but also
in Chinese. Last year all the girls
of the College passed in Chinese and
this was in large measure due to the
unfailing efforts of their Head-
mistress.

An address in English and Chi-
nese was then read, the Chinese by
Miss Diana Hall and the English by
Miss Helen Wu. The address was a
tribute to the manner in which Miss
Middleton Smith had shown them
how to aim at the best both in Chi-
nese and English education.

The College was proud of Miss
Middleton Smith not only because
she had worked diligently but also
because the tone of the school had
reached the highest standard. They
were sorry she was going, but
their sorrow at parting was very
much reduced at the thought that
she would always remember the
girls of St. Stephen's College.

They wished her a happy and
pleasant voyage and looked forward
to her speedy return to Hong Kong.
(Applause.)

Miss Middleton Smith, in reply,
said that one of the most precious
memories she would take away with
her was the loyalty and co-opera-
tion of the whole staff. It was the
girls and the parents of the College
who had helped to make it what it
was. She also wished to thank Mr.
Lo Kwan-shung, the head Chinese
master of the College, with whom
she had worked in close co-opera-
tion for fourteen years. There
existed between them a trust and
understanding which had helped to
build the Chinese side of the Col-
lege.

In conclusion, Miss Middleton
Smith said that she felt confident
that Miss Cheung, the Chinese
Headmistress, would see to it that
the good standard would con-
tinue.

500 GAMPS A DAY.

LOST PROPERTY OFFICE'S
BAG.

Last month produced one of the
biggest harvests of lost umbrellas
ever known to the officials at Lon-
don's Lost Property Office, con-
ducted by the Metropolitan Police
at Lambeth Road, S.E.

During its wettest days there
have been found in the Metropol-
itan area, on an average, 500 um-
brellas a day.

One Thursday's "bar" of more
than 400 drew a procession of
anxious but hopeful losers.

With one or two exceptions all
the losers who called were women.

One of the officials said to a
reporter:

Women are far more absent-
minded than men, judging from
the number of women's umbrellas
that find their way into this place.

Many women, however, appar-
ently do not trouble about claiming
their umbrellas until a very rainy
day comes and jogs their memory.

At that moment a girl came in
and asked rather shyly: "Do you
think you would have an umbrella
that I lost on January 11?"

"There's always a chance," the
official told her, and together they
stood before a mountain of
"dumpees."

"The girl glanced at them and
then cried exultantly: "There it
is, bless it! Now, isn't it a dar-
ling?"

Normal conditions are gradu-
ally being restored on the
Shanghai-Nanking Railway. The
first goods train despatched for
two months has now gone for-
ward.

A VITAL MATTER.

PILOT AS ADVISER TO THE
MASTER.

SHIPOWNERS' STATEMENT.

In the monthly circular of the
British Coasting and Near Trades
Shipowners' Association appears
the following very interesting arti-
cle on pilotage looked at from the
owner's point of view.
It is easy to imagine that one of
the regular occupations of owners
is the criticism of the disbursement
accounts which frequently pass
through their hands, with emphatic
expressions as to the excessive and
exorbitant charges of certain ports,
and usually pilotage is far from be-
ing the least of such items. When
it is found that often the situation
cannot be remedied owing to com-
pulsory pilotage, even though the
service of a pilot may not be neces-
sary, it is no exaggeration to say
there are genuine grounds for dis-
satisfaction. Yet it is found that
with many owners compulsory
pilotage is a subject for criticism,
but beyond that, they are often in-
different or not fully au fait with
the circumstances of so vital a
matter.

Beginnings of Compulsory Pilotage.

The claims of pilots for the last
seventy years have culminated in a
demand for general compulsory
pilotage. The first system of
compulsory pilotage, and when
the system can be said to have had
its beginning, was with the forma-
tion of the Trinity House of Hull,
Leith, Newcastle and London be-
tween the years 1369 and 1797, who
imposed upon foreign vessels the
obligation of employing a pilot. By
subsequent Acts of Parliament this
obligation was extended to British
vessels at most British ports, and
the Royal Commission of 1836
favoured a system of general com-
pulsory pilotage, with certain ex-
ceptions. Various select committees
sat between 1836 and 1911, that of
1890 reporting decidedly against
the system of compulsion, whilst
most of the reports recommended
that where compulsion existed, it
should continue, but exemptions
might be granted to the masters of
any class of ship which the author-
ity might consider desirable. It
will be quite realised that as the
pilotage law of this country was
composed of the large number of
local and public Acts granted to the
different authorities of the various
ports, each with their own pecu-
liarities as a result of about
eighty years' legislation, the neces-
sity was felt that some form of con-
solidation and codification of pilot-
age law was essential. As the
Marine Insurance Act, 1906, was
an Act arising out of a similar
necessity in marine insurance, the
Pilotage Act, 1913, embodied and
gave a definite legal basis for mat-
ters affecting pilotage.

Legal Aspects of Pilotage.

It would probably not be out of
place at this stage to mention some
legal points connected with pilot-
age. Before the Pilotage Act, 1913,
came into force, a ship employing a
compulsory pilot could claim immu-
nity from a liability for damage
whilst the pilot was in charge. Al-
though the Select Committee of
1888 recommended the abolition of
such immunity no change was made
in the law until 1913, when the
Pilotage Act, Sect. 15 (1) said:—
"... the owner or master of a
vessel navigating under circum-
stances in which pilotage is com-
pulsory shall be answerable for any
loss or damage caused by the vessel
or by any default of the navigation
of the vessel in the same manner as
he would if pilotage were not com-
pulsory."

From this it will be gathered that
the position of any pilot, whether
compulsory or voluntary, is that he
is simply on board in an advisory
capacity, and no liability for
damage can be laid against the
pilot, even if the damage has taken
place owing to the fault or negli-
gence of the pilot concerned, and
this also applies to compulsory
pilotage in most foreign countries.
The legal view is that the pilot is
on board for the purpose of being in
the capacity of servant to the owner,
and as adviser to the master.

At the same time, the courts have
affirmed on several occasions the
view that, considering the local
knowledge and experience a pilot is
supposed to possess, he should be
the best judge as to what is advis-
able in the navigation of a vessel
through the pilotage area. As far
as the master is concerned, the
opinion of various judges has been
that they could not sanction any in-
terference on his part with a pilot
in the course of his duties, unless
the master felt the pilot was ut-
terly incompetent, and/or interven-
tion was necessary in the interests
of the lives and property on board
the ship. "Such, however, would be a
case of extreme necessity," remark-
ed Dr. Lushington in one of his
judgments.

Pilots Demand For Compulsory
System.

In the British Isles, at the present
time, we find in four of the pilotage
areas where the largest part of the
country's general merchandise and
high-value cargoes are loaded and
discharged, and which are fre-
quented by the highest class of ves-
sels, that neither the compulsory, or
the voluntary systems of pilotage
are the rule. On the Mersey, and
the Humber the pilotage is compul-
sory, but on the Thames and at
Southampton, the system is on a
voluntary basis. Both the two
large coal exporting areas, the
Bristol Channel and the Tyne dis-
trict have voluntary systems.
The attitude of the Pilots' As-
sociation has been consistently for a
general compulsory system, irrespec-
tive of the geographical posi-
tion of a port. At the present
time the comparatively simple and
easy pilotage into Immingham or
Hull is compulsory with penalties
in exactly the same way as the com-
plicated pilotage up to Goole, with
its tortuous and continually shift-
ing channels. If the Pilots' As-
sociation obtained their demands, the
wide and easily navigable water-
ways of Southampton Water and
the lower Thames would come
under jurisdiction similar to the
River Ouse even for small steamers.
At the same time it should be borne
in mind that the pilots' proposals
since the war have included the
abolition of pilotage certificates
granted to masters and officers in
the compulsory pilotage areas.
Owners therefore often ask them-
selves whether the pilots are there
for the ships, or the ships for the
pilots.

Compulsion Not Necessary For
Safety.

Shipowners have based their ob-
jections to compulsory pilotage as
follows:—

(1) It is not necessary as a mea-
sure of safety.

(2) It would give a privilege
which no other profession has.

(3) It would involve hardship to
the shipowner.

(1) Those most concerned with
the safe navigation of the ship will
be those interested in the ship and
her cargo. It is hardly necessary
to remark that an owner will not in
his own interests run unnecessary
risks and hazards. If he did his re-
putation would suffer, and so eventu-
ally would his pocket, i.e., in-
creased insurance premiums, and
very probably a difficulty in obtain-
ing cargo. A bad reputation might
be more serious to a liner owner
than to an owner of tramp steam-
ers. It will be noticed, however,
that the class of vessel which has
the heaviest pilotage expenses, is
the type which will invariably em-
ploy a pilot under a voluntary
system. It can safely be assumed,
therefore, that unnecessary risks
would not be taken if pilotage were
not compulsory, and in areas where
a pilot is necessary, his services
would be taken. In addition the
master of a ship is usually well
acquainted with the peculiarities of
his vessel, and in any case better
so than a pilot who is casually em-
ployed. This knowledge in many
cases is of the greatest importance,
and only of secondary consideration
in cases where there are peculiar-
ities in navigation, which, after all,
only apply to a limited number of
pilotage areas.

(2) The present legal position of
a pilot is that he is acting in an
advisory capacity only, and is there-
fore not liable for any casualty due
to his default or negligence. If
compulsory pilotage became gen-
eral, we would have a body of men
who would be guaranteed against
competition, and whose employment
would be found for them, and at the
same time they would not be re-
sponsible for any default or negli-
gence on their part. There appears
to be no profession which can boast
such enviable privileges, and there
is no doubt a business man can
never hope to reach so ideal an
existence. If general compulsory
pilotage is not necessary as a mea-
sure of safety, why should it be
necessary to provide privileges
which no other profession can
claim?

Hardship and Expense to Owners.

(3) Compulsory system would
certainly mean the em-
ployment of pilots in many cases
where they were not found neces-
sary under a voluntary system.
This would involve extra hardship
and expense to the owner, which at
the present time the industry can-
not afford. The only possible meth-
od of re-imbursement would be
to pass the expense on to the char-
terer, and in turn to the consumer.
The law makes the owner responsi-
ble for the negligence of the pilot.
If the compulsory system became
general, owners would find it neces-
sary to press for immunity from
liability for damage when in charge
of a compulsory pilot, as obtained
previous to the Statute of 1913.

The Pilots' Association, in their
demands for compulsory pilotage,
have also strongly advocated the
abolition of any "choice" system,
and a strict application of the
"turn" method. Whilst the "turn"
method may, on the face of it, be the
most simple to administer, "choice"
pilotage, in certain instances, is the
most advisable. A comparatively
inexperienced pilot may quite safely
be entrusted with the piloting of
a small coasting collier, but ob-
viously the same view cannot be
taken with regard to a P. and O. or
Cunard liner, with a costly cargo
on board.

No pilotage inquiry appears im-
minent, and consequently the re-
marks on compulsory pilotage may
not be topical at the present time.
Nevertheless, should the question
arise again it is advisable for own-
ers to have their own case well be-
fore them in view of the interests
at stake.

London is suffering under
the "wrong number habit" in its
telephone system. "Smilitarity" in
names of exchanges coupled with
the wide difference of pronuncia-
tion between the inhabitants of
Limehouse and Mayfair is held re-
sponsible by many people. "One
woman recently complained to
the Post Office Department that
she had been called out of bed at
four o'clock in the morning to
answer an urgent call for the
doctor to come quickly." The ex-
change which the caller had asked
for was more than three miles
away. Before noon she said her
"tormenters" called at various
times asking for a surgical in-
strument maker, an undertaker, a
brewery, the War Office, and a
Frenchman who demanded to
speak with his consul.

FLOOD PERILS.

CONDITION OF REFUGEES
PITIFUL.

CHURCH SPIRES LIKE ROCKS.

New Orleans, May 15.
After a week's lull, the floods in Louisiana are again assuming serious proportions, hundreds of thousands of acres of land and thousands of homes being threatened by the bursting of the levee on the Bayou des Glaises.

The condition of the refugees is of the most pitiful description. Women and children, many of whom are poorly clad and almost starving, are to be seen everywhere on the roofs of houses and other buildings. In some cases human beings and animals are finding a common refuge on rafts. The Church spires stand out like rocks from the waste of waters, and hungry birds of prey perch on the trees waiting for the floods to subside.—Reuter's American Service.

More Levees Crumbling.

New Orleans, May 15.
The Mississippi flood relief fund has now reached \$11,500,000.

Levees along Bayou des Glaises are crumbling before the assault of the pent up inland sea and already four major and at least a dozen minor breaks have occurred within 175 miles of New Orleans.

Hundreds of workers, who have been fighting in this section against the irresistible rise of the Mississippi have given up in despair and abandoned their homes for the refugee concentration camps.—Reuter's American Service.

Relief for Farmers.

Washington, May 15.
The Federal Farm Loan Board has approved the organization of a finance corporation by the Mississippi bankers to relieve farmers in that State who are suffering from the floods. The Corporation will be able to borrow \$4,000,000 on the basis of a million dollars paid up capital.—Reuter's American Service.

TRADE UNION PLAN.

"ABSTAIN FROM LIQUOR AND
SMOKING."

London, April 28.
The "Social Democrat" tells its readers how to beat Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

It says: "Let the entire working class resolve that if the Trade Unions Bill is passed they will abstain from the consumption of all excisable liquor, and the smoking of all forms of tobacco, unless the Government withdraw the obnoxious measure."

It adds that the resultant loss of revenue would compel the Government to leave the Trade Unions alone.

MISSING ATLANTIC AIRMEN.

Ottawa, May 14.

The Marine Department announces that fog is impeding the Canadian Government patrol boats' search for Captain Nungesser between Cape Breton Island and Newfoundland.

Not the slightest trace of the airmen has yet been found by the patrols or any coastal or trans-Atlantic steamer.—Reuter.

50,000 Francs Reward.

Paris, May 18.
It is understood that M. Bompart, Director of the newspaper "Paris Sport," has sent Mr. Roy, the Canadian Commissioner at Paris, 50,000 francs as a reward to anyone discovering Nungesser in Canada.

French Opinion.

Paris, May 14.
The papers are closely following the search of Capt. Nungesser off the Canadian and American coasts. They are of opinion that it is likely that Capt. Nungesser descended near the coast or on one of the lakes in Labrador.—Reuter.

PHILIPPINES TROUBLE.

Manila, May 14.

A revolt broke out among the Occidental Negros yesterday morning with a preconcerted attack upon four towns by several thousand followers of Flor Intendencia, the self-styled "Emperor" of Iloilo.

The rebels disarmed the Police, killing three and wounding one. Several rebels were killed.

The Constabulary dislodged the rebels from the Town Hall in Victoria, after a three-hour fight. Reinforcements are rushing from Manila.

It is feared that the revolt may become general throughout the provinces.

Four thousand labourers at the Bala Sugar Mill are already striking. The Constabulary are disarming the leaders.—Reuter.

'NATIVE CREDULITY.'

THE INDIAN STORY ABOUT
A WOLF-CHILD.

LONDON SPECIALIST'S VIEW.

London, April 25.

Contributing to the correspondence in "The Times" on the subject of the recently-discovered Indian "wolf-child," Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones discredits such stories, which, he declares, are due to native credulity.

The survival of defenceless children among wolves, tigers and jackals is incredible, as also is the lapse of a child to be brute level.

[A Bombay message of April 5 stated:—A jungle child, discovered by some herdsmen in a wolves' cave far from human habitation at Maiwani, 75 miles from Allahabad, now is in the work-house in Allahabad, under medical observation, preparatory to being taken to the Bareilly Mental Home. The child is a boy, judged to be between seven and twelve years old, and is under-nourished and shows distinct signs of mental deficiency. In appearance he is little different from an ordinary child, but in his actions he betrays signs of his upbringing. The child can walk, but in moments of what are considered to be abnormality, he evidently prefers to crawl, sitting on his haunches with his legs curled up, and propelling himself forward with the palms of his hands on the ground. Indeed, the knees and palms bear evidence of frequent dragging on hard ground. He is now being fed on meat and other foods, which he appreciates, but it is noticeable that he shows little preference towards this type of food. Frequently he eats grass and the earth of the compound into which he is taken in the cool of the evening. The boy shows a prodigious appetite at all times and apparently there is no limit to the extent to which he can eat. The facts given by the herdsmen who discovered the boy are substantiated by the police who visited the wolves' cave after the event and found evidence of the boy's foot marks in the cave. While in Allahabad he frequently has gone into fits, when evidence of his animal upbringing are still more marked. He has become ferocious on several occasions, and attacked two burly policemen who are his guardians in the dormitory of the work-house, and he also has bitten himself, and shows signs of sores on his shoulders and legs. Then the most remarkable signs of his animal existence were seen, for he employed as the only means of vocal expression a species of bark, continuously and vigorously. He also betrays certain instincts even lower than the animals. No claim has been made for the boy.]

ROYAL ACADEMY.

STUDY OF MR. G. B. SHAW
REJECTED.

London, April 27.

The Hanging Committee of the Royal Academy have rejected Mr. John Collier's portrait of Mr. G. B. Shaw.

Mr. Collier's other portrait, that of Mr. Aldous Huxley, was accepted.

Mr. Collier is popularly known as the inventor of the "problem picture," his best known being "The Fallen Idol," "The Sentence of Death," and "The Cheat."

He recently made the statement that modern art was ugly and inhuman.

[The Hon. John Collier is a well known artist. Educated at Eton he studied art at the Slade School and also in Paris and Munich. He has published several books on art including "A Primer of Art" and "The Art of Portrait Painting."]

CINEMA. ROLE.

£10,000 FEE FOR SIR HARRY
LAUDER.

London, April 27.

Sir Harry Lauder will receive over £10,000 for taking the part of a retired Glasgow grocer in the film "Huntingtower," a British screen adaptation of Mr. John Buchan's novel.

It is estimated that the filming will cost over £50,000.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

London, April 27.

Reassuring news regarding the Government decision to wind up the Overseas Trade Department was given by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister in an address to the Commercial Committee of the House of Commons this evening, in which he indicated that there would be no diminution of the functions at present carried out by the Department.

Any re-arrangement made would not affect the services rendered to manufacturers all over the world.

'ENTENTE CORDIALE.'

CELEBRATING THE "SILVER
WEDDING."

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

London, May 15.

The "Silver wedding" is the phrase used by "Le Journal" in reference to the state visit of M. Doumergue to London on the 16th when the French President will be escorted from Calais by six French destroyers to Dover where he will be welcomed by the Prince of Wales and Lord Crewe. He will be received by the King and other royalties at Victoria Station and entertained at a State banquet at Buckingham Palace in the evening.

M. Doumergue is accompanied by M. Briand, who, it is understood, will confer with Sir Austen Chamberlain particularly on the question of the evacuation of the Rhineland which is embarrassing the position of M. Stresemann, who, it is reported, is contemplating resignation if his Locarno hopes are not fulfilled.—Reuter.

SNOW AT HOME IN APRIL.

London, April 26.

After the recent summerlike weather, winter returned to Great Britain recently.

Snow fell heavily in many districts, especially in Scotland and Northern England, while a 50-mile-an-hour gale prevailed in the Channel.



Mr. N. Anthony Baker, better known to American Theatre goers as "Nick" Baker, is to-day one of the most noted actors on the American stage, without the slightest doubt. Don't miss any of the offerings of the Wilbur Players who open at the Star Theatre to-morrow, with Nick Baker in the cast.

TONS OF GOLD.

DUKE AND DUCHESS SEE
BENDIGO.

London, April 28.

Melbourne.—The Duke and Duchess of York spent six hours travelling in order to let the people of Bendigo see them for one hour.

The crowds were most enthusiastic, and presented the Duchess with a gold nugget, recalling the fact that Bendigo had produced 600 tons of gold, valued at £30,000,000, though the district is now famous for its tomatoes, which its inhabitants call "Red diamonds."

An excited woman, in trying to shake hands with the Duchess as she passed, missed the hand, but grabbed the bouquet, leaving only the strings in the hands of the amazed Duchess.

MACHINE-GUNS DECISION.

London, April 26.

The "Morning Post" says that the War Office has decided to immediately increase the number of machine-guns attached to each Infantry Battalion from eight to twelve.

WAGNER MANUSCRIPT SOLD.

London, April 27.

New-York.—The original pencil manuscript of Wagner's "Rheingold" was sold by the American Art Association to Herr Rosenbach for 15,400 dollars.

A Dublin firm of rosary manufacturers is applying for a protective tariff of 33 per cent. on imported beads, of which they complain that £20,000 worth are imported into the Free State annually.

LIVING LONGER.

WOMEN OUTLASTING THE
MEN.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Men in Britain are living longer than they used to do—and women longer than men.

The latest statistics compiled for the Registrar-General indicate that the average expectation of life for males in England and Wales increased even in the period between 1910 and 1924 by 8 years.

At Somerset House, Strand, W.C., a reporter learned that it has been computed that the mean length of life to be expected at birth is now 55.58 years for men and 60.47 years for women.

There has been a steady lengthening of life since the first Public Health Act was passed in 1848. Here are some figures—

Years (for males)	
1838-1854	39.91
1871-1880	41.35
1881-1890	43.66
1891-1900	44.13

"It has always been found that women, as a whole, live longer than men," said an official.

"The figures show that, on an average, they live four or five years longer."

A doctor's opinion given to a reporter was: During the last few decades there has been a great reduction of infant mortality. Women live longer than men because of several facts. One is that they are naturally better able to resist disease, and another that they are subject to fewer occupational risks.

Further, child-bearing is a much less dangerous matter than it used to be and the risk of death at childbirth is being lessened every day.

"RAFFLES."

LATEST WONDERS AT THE
QUEENS.

THE LADY IN THE SAFE.

Locking a woman in a large steel safe and then, with his bandaged, releasing her by opening the combination behind his back is only one of the several remarkable feats undertaken by Raffles in his new programme at the Queen's Theatre. There is no fake about this trick—it is done by sheer skill. The audience expressed its surprise and delight yesterday in cordial applause which was the more spontaneous for the little comical touches that enlivened the proceedings of Raffles, his two pretty assistants, and their willing helpers from the audience. Completing the programme at the Queen's is a stirring picture of circus life called "Spangles," an amusing pen and ink cartoon, and the latest topical gazette. The music, as always under the baton of Mr. Grovini, is excellent.

INDIA HOUSE.

WORK TO BE STARTED AT
EARLY DATE.

Work will be started at an early date on the new India House, which is to be built on the vacant site in Aldwych, W.C., and for which the Indian Government has authorised a first grant.

The building will be commensurate with the importance of India in the British Empire and will be as imposing as the offices in London of Australia and Canada.

Plans have been drawn up by Sir Herbert Baker, one of the architects of the new Delhi, who has conceived a distinctive building which, while conforming in its general outlines to the rest of Aldwych, will incorporate suggestions of Indian architecture. The cost of the building will be at least £200,000, and it will consist of a basement and six floors above the ground level.

One of the objects of India House is to provide a "shop window" for Indian goods in London, and it is proposed to have large windows on the street level for displays of India's wide range of products.

The most important feature of the new building for Indians will be an attempt to provide a real home from home. Accommodation will be provided for social functions and there will be numerous writing rooms and libraries where Indians may meet their fellow-countrymen.

FILM CAUSES A PANIC.

At the first film shown in a small Tartar community, a woman fainted in terror and the audience was thrown into alarm, says a Press message from Moscow.

The men, thinking the show was the work of a devil, sent their daughters away, but bravely remained to see the full reel. The operator had to stop the show five times to explain his apparatus to suspicious newcomers to the audience.

Before the last flicker, however, Mary Pickford had won her way to all the male Tartar hearts, and films have since become an important feature of the village life.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 16—Queen's Theatre;

"Spangles."

May 16—Star Theatre: "Paris."

May 16—Wend Theatre: "Thy Name is Woman."

May 16—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner

Dance, 8 p.m.; exhibition dancing, 8.30 p.m.

May 16—Isako's European

Circus, Hungnam, Kowloon.

May 17—Star Theatre: The Wilbur Players in their latest comedies and dramas.

Sports.

May 18—Postponed Exhibition

Tennis Match in aid of M.C.L., 4 p.m.

May 24—Kowloon Cricket Club

hold function in aid of Hospital

Comforts Fund.

May 28-29—Second extra Race

Meeting at Macao, 2.15 p.m.

Auction.

May 18—Auction of household

furniture by Messrs. Lammert

Bros., at 25, Humphreys Bldg.,

Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

May 16—Meeting of Members of

the Hong Kong General Chamber

of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual

meeting of the Canton Insurance

Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's

offices, noon.

May 17—Adjourned meeting of

Marine Engineers' Guild of China

(H.K. Branch), 67 Des Voeux Rd.,

6 p.m.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of

Union Insurance Society of Canton,

Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of

the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,

Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 16—Moonlight picnic of St.

Peter's Young Men's Club, 8 p.m.

May 17—Last debate of St.

Peter's Young Men's Club, at Club

House, 8.30 p.m.

COLUMBIA NEW
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The agenda for to-morrow afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board comprises formal business only.

The Kowloon Cricket Club have planned to hold a function on the evening of Empire Day (May 24) in aid of the Hospital Comforts Fund.

On June 3 there will be a reception at Government House at 9.30 p.m. in honour of His Majesty the King's Birthday. The dress to be worn at the reception by civilian guests will be white shell jackets, Orders, and decorations.

With the compliments of the Standard Oil Company of New York the "China Mail" has received copies of a handy little booklet containing the storm signal code for the China Seas. The booklet, which consists of nine pages and a folding map, makes an acceptable gift.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade received a call about four o'clock on Saturday to a taxi which was on fire outside the Pun Toi Hotel in Nathan Road. The outbreak was caused by a petrol leakage, and the spirit, escaping to the road, resulted in a brief but fierce blaze. The driver's seat of the taxi was badly burned but the remainder of the body and engine were undamaged.

Further bodies of Chinese drowned in the collision between the s.s. "Leung Kwong" and the "Moonshine" have been recovered by the Water Police over the end. On Saturday, six were picked up and yesterday three. This brings the total number of bodies recovered to 25. So far, the body of Mr. Donaldson, Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Leung Kwong" has not been recovered.

On June 29 of this year the sun will be totally eclipsed over a belt of Northern England, the centre of the band running from Hartlepool on the north-east coast, to Criceith, on the Welsh coast, birthplace of Mr. Lloyd George. The totality band will extend over a width of about 30 miles. The next total eclipse that will interest dwellers in the British Isles will not be until August 11, 1939, but the total phase will only be visible in the extreme south-west corner of Cornwall, the path of the shadow running approximately nearly east and west.

So far as I understand, the principle of the Censorship of Plays, is that we must not have religion on the stage, but we may have irreverence on the stage.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

According to information to hand an extensive plan for the establishment of a tram system in Tsingtao is reported. The Electric Light Company is promoting it, and Japanese residents of the area are strong advocates of the enterprise.

A message from Berlin says that the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" publishes an undated interview with General Wu Peifu, one of the Northern war lords, in which Trebitsch Lincoln, the notorious ex-M.P., who turned spy, and was banished from England, is mentioned as Wu's adjutant. Lincoln had been in the East for some time before he made an unsuccessful attempt to return to England in order to see his son before the latter was hanged for murder.

The following world records are interesting:—Airplane, Bonnet, France 278.48 miles per hour. Motor-car, Major Segrave 203.79 m.p.h., Railroad, Plant System in Florida 120 m.p.h., Motor-boat, Maple Leaf, English 80 m.p.h., Destroyer, U.S.S. Cole 43.75 m.p.h., Running horse, Roamer, American 1 mile in 1 min. 34.45 sec., Trotting Horse, Peter Manning, American 1 mile in 1 min. 56.34 sec., Running man, P. Nurmi, Finland 1 mile in 4 min. 10.4 sec.

According to Tokyo papers, the Akagi, an aeroplane tender of world-wide fame, for the construction of which six years and four months have been consumed, is receiving her finishing touches. She is expected to leave Kure on May 6 or 7 and will proceed to Yokosuka. She will steam out to the ocean, where she will have her high-speed trial run, when an experiment with an aerial machine carried on her deck will be conducted. Later, she will be incorporated into the Combined Fleet under the command of Admiral Kato, and during the coming naval manoeuvres, she will be attached to the squadron commissioned to attack Tokyo. When she is brought to Yokosuka, she will be carefully inspected by Prince Takamatsu, now studying in Naval Gunnery School at Yokosuka, and other members of the Imperial Family.

Copying the Parisian practice, the music hall manager Mr. Charles B. Cochran will not invite critics to his new revue, entitled "One Dam Thing After Another," until the sixth night. He says that there is generally a vast improvement, and first night criticisms mislead the public.

Preparations are under way for a beauty contest to be held some time this year. Among the promoters are some prominent Chinese society women. In order to be eligible one must be between fifteen of thirty years of age, possess good features, wear fashionable dress, and be able to dance and sing. Prizes will be awarded to the first five. The contest will in all probability be held in the Central Park, although the Pei Hai Park also is favoured by some. There will be no special judges, the idea being to let the public judge who is the beauty of the metropolitan district. The contest, if it materialises, will be the first of its kind in Peking. There was a similar show in Shanghai last winter. It was sponsored and organised by Chinese society women in the port and turned out very successfully.

In this season's pageantry at Buckingham Palace there will be, I hear, ready-made gowns which cost ten guineas (or less?), as well as the exclusively-labelled model costing its fortunate wearer anything up to £250 (observes a "Star" writer.) It was an exclusive Court dress-maker himself who gave me this news of the effect of post-war democracy. Only a few years ago no woman would have dreamed of going to Court wearing a gown which was not the hall-mark of exclusive artistry, made to order, the materials and trimmings chosen with the utmost attention to detail. But now the "new poor" and others of limited purse honoured with the Royal command often go to the big stores and buy their Court gown from a showcase, choosing it for its service potentialities after the great occasion, the train being added by a "little dressmaker" at home. I am assured that so successful and so smart are these "ready-mades," that mere man might be forgiven if, in some cases, he favoured their simplicity and their unassuming, inexpensive charm rather than the splendour of the others.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. O. M. Green, with Mrs. Green and their daughters, has sailed from Shanghai for home. Mr. Green is editor of the "North China Daily News."

The marriage of R. H. M. Ody of Canton, and Anne Wain of Philadelphia took place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday.

On June 3 there will be a reception at Government House at 9.30 p.m. in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. The dress to be worn at the reception by civilian guests, will be White Shell jackets, Orders and decorations.

In these milk-and-water days it is not everybody who can possess a gibbet of his own. One of the few exceptions is Lady Stewart-Bam, who carefully preserves a gibbet in the tower of her ruined castle of Doe, in County Donegal, on the shore of Sheephaven Bay, which, with her romantic estate of Ards, she recently put into the market.

His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements and Lady Guillemard have issued the following farewell message to the people of Malaya:—In bidding farewell, it is our hope that the people of Malaya will continue to work together in amity so that Malaya may develop in peace and prosperity and worthily fill her place in the Empire.

Viscount Cave's convalescence is proving more tedious than had been hoped, and in Parliamentary circles it is suggested that as soon as possible after the trade disputes legislation has been settled, he will ask to be relieved of his duties as Lord Chancellor. In that case Lord Birkenhead would have strong claims to return to the Woolsack, and if these were not recognised he would be under a great temptation to accept some of the attractive offers that have been made to him to embark on a commercial and financial career. The Prime Minister has a rooted dislike of personal change, and is not likely to make any until necessary; consequently suggestions from outside that they are desirable only tend to bring out his loyalty to colleagues, even if he may think that they could be successfully replaced.

MARRIES A PRINCE.

Seraincourt, (France), May 14.—Pola Negri, the film star, has married a Polish Prince, Serge Mdivani. Mae Murray, another famous film star, is already married.



ried to Serge's brother. The families of both bride and bridegroom were present at Pola Negri's wedding.—Reuter.

At Saturday's meeting of Lane Crawford's Ltd., the Chairman, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland mentioned that Mr. W. A. Eustace retired from the post of Managing Director at the end of last financial year and he wished to take the opportunity of assuring Mr. Eustace on behalf of the directors and shareholders of their appreciation of his services during his tenure of office. Mr. Eustace was now an ordinary Director of the Company and was departing on home leave in the near future.

Mr. H. M. de Souza, formerly on the teaching staff of the Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, has been appointed editor of the "Malacca Observer."

The Bishop of London arrived at Perth, W.A., on April 4 and, after attending several functions, sailed for England the same evening. He arrives home to-morrow on the completion of his world tour which began in July of last year. In the short time at his disposal he attended several functions in and around Perth and made a number of speeches. He said he felt satisfied with the results of his tour; he had learned much of local conditions and nothing but good, he thought, could come of the additional knowledge he had gained.

"My folk were very humble folk and owed nothing to birth," said Lord Birkenhead, Secretary for India, at a dinner at Birkenhead, at which he was entertained by the deputy-Mayor, Councillor R. P. Fletcher, and the Corporation. "We are sometimes," he added, "told of the injustice with which humble classes compete in this world, but I can cite many illustrations against this. My folk claimed the right to their individual character and they proved that there is a career in England open to talent. My grandfather was a working miner at Wakefield and, incidentally, was a heavyweight champion with his naked fists. He did not affiliate himself with Moscow. To my father I owe everything. He first implanted in me high ambitions and taught me to believe in myself."

The following deaths have been announced at Home:—Colonel Vickers Dunfee, for more than 30 years a member of the City of London Corporation, who during the war raised and commanded the 2/4 Battalion City of London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) and organised the march of the London troops before the King in July 1919, at St. John's-road, Putney, S.W.; Mr. Mayes Somerset-Turton, of Cobham, Surrey, a member of the Stock Exchanges since 1899, who was taken ill in the lift at his office at Austin Friars, E.C., aged 54; Captain William Dark, skipper of the last sailing craft to carry mails regularly from Britain, at Instow, Devon, aged 79; and Mr. Francis Drake, a leading Wiltshire agriculturist, who was born in Devon and was a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, at Chippenham, aged 77.

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LEAGUE TENNIS.

(Continued from Page 9.)

A. Remedios and L. Ribeiro
(Recrelo):—
beat E. W. Railton and W. R.
Greenhalgh 9-2
beat G. Puncheon and J. C.
Faers 6-5
lost to A. Bliss and G. Hildley 4-7
19-14
(Total: Recrelo 68, K.B.S.F.P.A.
31).

R.A.O.C. v. N.T.C.

At Sookumpoo, the Royal Army
Ordinance Corps defeated the
Netherlands T.C. by 37 games.
Scores:—
Hardy and Lake (R.A.O.C.):—
beat J. Walle and A. J.
Ramondt 10-1
beat H. J. Knotnerus and
Sueimondt 10-1
beat G. H. Heintzen and F.
Lafleur 7-4
27-6
Bendall and Hale (R.A.O.C.):—
beat J. Walle and A. J.
Ramondt 7-4
beat H. J. Knotnerus and
Sueimondt 8-3
lost to G. H. Heintzen and F.
Lafleur 5-6
20-13
Hool and Andrews (R.A.O.C.):—
beat J. Walle and A. J.
Ramondt 6-5
beat H. J. Knotnerus and
Sueimondt 8-3
beat G. H. Heintzen and F.
Lafleur 7-4
21-12
(Total: R.A.O.C. 68, N.T.C. 31).

SUNDAY'S MATCHES.

Two matches in the League were
played yesterday, the details being
as under:—

DIVISION "B."

Nippon Club v. M.B.K.
Playing away in the "B" Division
yesterday, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
defeated the Nippon Club by 13
games.
Scores:—
Y. Sajiki and T. Fujieda (Nip-
pon):—
beat N. Inagaki and W. Tanaka 7-4
beat I. Saido and G. Nakamura
10-1
beat K. Mizobe and M. Kita-
jima 7-4
24-9
T. Miki and U. Mizuguchi (Nip-
pon):—
beat N. Inagaki and W. Tanaka 6-5
beat I. Saido and G. Nakamura 9-2
lost to K. Mizobe and M.
Kitajima 5-6
20-13
K. Suenaga and M. Okajima
(Nippon):—
lost to N. Inagaki and W.
Tanaka 2-9
lost to I. Saido and G. Nakamura
4-7
beat K. Mizobe and M. Kita-
jima 6-5
12-21
Total: Nippon Club, 56; M.B.K.,
43.

DIVISION "C."

K.B.S.F.P.A. v. South China
A.A.
The Kowloon British School
Former Pupils' Association enter-
tained South China A.A. in the "C"
Division, the latter side winning
by 29 games.
Scores:—
Puncheon and G. B. Slipper
(K.B.S.F.P.A.):—
lost to C. N. Tsang and H. N.
Tai 4-7
lost to C. Y. Tso and S. K. Ng 3-8
lost to Li and Chuen 3-8
10-23
E. R. Price and Curtis
lost to C. N. Tsang and H. N.
Tai 5-6
lost to C. Y. Tso and S. K. Ng 3-8
beat Li and Chuen 6-5
14-19
Bliss and Hedley:
lost to C. N. Tsang and H. N.
Tai 4-7
lost to C. Y. Tso and S. K.
Ng 4-7
lost to Li and Chuen 3-8
11-22
Total: K.B.S.F.P.A., 35; South
China A.A., 64.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The tables up to date (including
Sunday's matches) now stand:—

Division "A."

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	2	2	0	2
Indian R.C.	2	2	0	2
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	2	1	1	1
University	2	1	1	1
Kowloon C.C.	2	1	1	1
Hong Kong C.C.	2	0	2	0
United Services R.C.	2	0	2	0

Division "B."

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Club de Recrelo	3	3	0	3
Chinese R.C.	2	2	0	2
Craigengower C.C.	2	2	0	2
Indian R.C.	2	2	0	2
Nippon Club	3	2	1	2
University	2	1	1	1
South China A.A.	2	1	1	1
United Services R.C.	3	1	2	1
Hong Kong C.C.	2	0	2	0
Kowloon C.C.	2	0	2	0
Royal Engineers	2	0	2	0
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	3	0	3	0

Division "C."

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	3	3	0	3
R.A.O.C.	2	2	0	2
Club de Recrelo	2	2	0	2
Nippon Club	3	2	1	2
Craigengower C.C.	1	1	0	1
South China A.A.	2	1	1	1
Kowloon C.C.	3	1	2	1
Netherlands T.C.	1	0	1	0
Taikoo R.C.	1	0	1	0
K.B.S.F.P.A.	3	0	3	0
Hong Kong C.C.	2	0	3	0

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Closing Matches This
Afternoon.

The last match in the "open"
competitions under the auspices of
the Hong Kong C.C. will be played
to-day, the event being the doubles
final between S. A. Rumjahn and
H. D. Rumjahn (1925-1926 holders)
and T. Honda and H. Akiyama.
This is the first time that a Japa-
nese pair has reached the final of
the doubles championship but
it is not expected that Honda and
Akiyama will be able to wrest the
title from the Rumjahns cousins.
A win this afternoon will make
the Rumjahns proud possessors of
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Matches down for decision to-
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Handicap Singles "A" (final):—
L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6) v. G. W.
Sewell (owe 4/6).
Championship Singles (semi-
final):—S. E. Green v. Major W. B.
Stevens, winner to meet G. W.
Sewell.
In the Handicap Singles "A"
(semi-final):—G. W. Sewell (owe
4/6) received a walk over from
L. Forster (owe 5/6).

EXHIBITION MATCHES.

In the exhibition matches to be
played on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at
the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground
in aid of the funds of the Miniater-
ing Children's League and the
Hong Kong Women's Guild the
following will take part:—
Mrs. Tottenham and Major
Lucas v. Miss Lo and M. K. Lo.
Rumjahn Brothers v. Colonel
Russell Brown and Dr. Tottenham.
Given fine weather there ought to
be a record attendance.

DAVIS CUP.

Washer and Tilden in Form.

Brussels, May 14.
Washer beat Hunter 8-6, 8-10,
7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Tilden beat Ewbank 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
Ewbank replaced Van Den
Benden, who sprained his foot
early in the match.

Tilden and Hunter beat Washer
and Botsford 7-5, 8-6, 6-4.—Reuter.
Lisbon, May 14.

In the second round of the Davis
Cup Germany eliminated Portugal
winning three matches.—Reuter.
Paris, May 15.

In the Davis Cup France elim-
inated Roumania by three matches
to nil.—Reuter.

World Championship.
Budapest, May 15.

In the Davis Cup competitions,
Italy beat Hungary by three
matches to two.—Reuter.

At the Prince's Club, London in
the world professional real tennis
championship G. Covey, the holder,
beat P. Etchebaster of France by
seven sets to four.—Reuter.

BOXING.

CLOSING TOURNAMENT OF SEASON.

A very successful season under
the auspices of the Hong Kong
Boxing Association was brought
to a close in the Theatre Royal on
Saturday evening.

Details follow:—

Whittington-Baker.
In a six round Lightweight
contest between Stoker Whitting-
ton (141 lb.) of H.M. Submarines,
and A.B. Baker (144½ lb.) of
H.M.S. "Hermes," the latter won.

Gold-Kirkhead.
Stoker Gold (123½ lb.) of
H.M.S. "Hermes," and A.B. Kirk-
head (124 lb.) of H.M.S.
"Frobisher," fought a toe to toe
six round contest in the Bantam-
weight class. Gold was more
aggressive than his opponent in
the first round, and many sting-
ing blows were exchanged. Kirk-
wood won a popular decision.

Hills-Grant.
Warder Grant (127 lb.) of the
Victoria Gaol gave the fight to
Marine Hills (122 lb.) of H.M.S.
"Hermes," in the third round, of a
six round contest in the Feather-
weight class.

Ewin-Coombes.
What would have been a ten
round Catchweight contest be-
tween A.B. Ewin (153 lb.) of
H.M.S. "Hermes," and A.B.
Coombes (140½ lb.) of H.M.S.
"Wyvern," was ended in the
fourth round, when Ewin lifted
his man off his feet with a left
upper cut. Coombes fell with a
thud and took full count.

Hindle-Halligan.
A.B. Hindle (125½ lb.) of
H.M.S. "Delhi," and A.B. Halli-
gan (126 lb.) of H.M.S.
"Frobisher," met in a fifteen
round contest for the feather-
weight title and belt presented by
Mr. G. M. Young. Both contest-
ants lashed out the fifteen rounds,
and although the decision was in
his favour, Hindle won a very
poor fight.

At the conclusion of this bout,
Mr. R. M. Dyer presented the
G. M. Young Belt to Hindle.

Spalding-Green.
Pte. Spalding (146½ lb.) of
the K.O.S.B., crossed gloves with
A.B. Green (148½ lb.) of
H.M.S. "Frobisher," in a six-
round welterweight contest.

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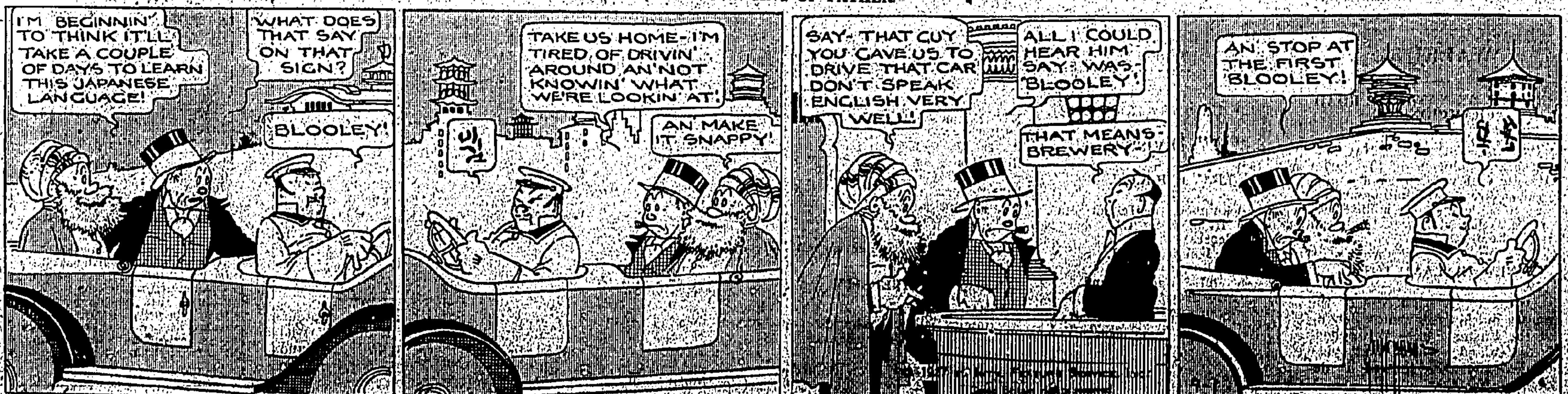
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"STUPID PEOPLE."

CONTRACTOR WHO CHEATED GOVERNMENT.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Saturday found against the Chinese military contractor who was summoned by a coolie foreman to recover \$1.90 representing a day's pay for himself and two clansmen who were engaged by the accused as coolies.

The allegation against accused was that he quarrelled with the foreman because he objected to taking 18 men to Stonecutters Island instead of the 20 called for by the military requisition. This the foreman alleged was a common practice which was sponsored by the accused because he was of the opinion that the newly arrived soldiers were "stupid people" and would not know the difference. They would sign the pay order for 20 men just the same. The foreman had entirely different views on the subject because on the previous occasion that he had tried the trick at Stonecutters he was found out by the so-called "stupid people." They quarrelled about it and accused remarked that the foreman was "No good to him if he could not cheat the Government."

Accused did not tell the complainant that his services would be dispensed with, but when he turned up to work with his two clansmen they found another foreman was in charge of the gang and they were not allowed on the launch.

Mr. Lindsell ordered the accused to pay 50 cents to one of the coolies, and struck out the other man's share because he went to Canton after the summons was taken out and was not on hand to support the claim. The foreman's claim for \$1.00 failed because the Magistrate was unable to find that he had in fact been engaged by the accused.

Before the accused left the Court, Mr. Lindsell said to him "I have no doubt you did as alleged by the complainant. You be careful with your ways, I will report you to the Government."

According to the London correspondent of the "Malay Mail," the Master of Elbank, Chairman of the Perak Hydro-Electric Co., will be visiting Malaya in the autumn to inspect the progress of the work on the Perak river. He will be accompanied by Lady Elbank, and expects to remain in the Malay States for a month or six weeks.

"PARASITES."

GANGS WHO PREY ON THE WORKERS.

Many trades in the Colony since the strike have been forced to pay tribute to various gangs of loafers who extort money by menace and do not hesitate to use force when money is not coming in as regularly as they wished.

This Sub-Inspector Shaftain of the S.C.A. told Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Saturday when the case was resumed against two coolies who were charged with obtaining from five unlicensed truck pullers two cents out of every ten they earned. He added that pig dealers were perhaps the biggest sufferers at the hands of these parasites, and had paid as much as \$100,000 in a year to a gang of a 100 of these pests.

After witnesses for the defence had given evidence that there was no extortion and that the case was brought falsely by the complainants out of jealousy, Mr. Lindsell convicted and sentenced the two accused to six months' jail and 20 strokes of the birch each.

One of the witnesses for the defence, who was described by the complainants as the leader of the gang, was fined \$50 or four weeks' jail for perjury.

According to three of the complainants this man had treated them to tea on Friday night and had offered them \$5 each not to appear in Court the following morning. He threatened that they would be severely assaulted by his gang if they were not "reasonable" about the matter.

This allegation was communicated to the Magistrate by Sub-Inspector Shaftain when the man concerned was in the witness box and he denied it on oath.

The "Boudoir" for women M.P.'s at the House of Commons is not to be used for entertaining friends, according to a circular sent to the women members by the Sergeant-at-Arms. It is difficult to imagine why anyone should wish to entertain friends in the room. Miss Wilkinson called it a "tomb" and others have applied similar terms to it. The only mirrors is a mere blemish used to get speechless with indignation about the room, but now they have thought of a better plan—most of them do not use it at all. The enforcement of the rule against strangers is likely to lead to the room being even less used than at present.

COMING FILMS.

DETAILS OF SOME STAR PICTURES.

Following are brief details of star pictures to be shown shortly.

The popular novel by the English humorous writer, K. R. G. Browne, provided the basis for "The Cheerful Fraud," the Universal-Jewel farce comedy starring Reginald Denny which is coming as a Queen's Theatre. William A. Seiter directed the picture. The supporting cast includes Gertrude Olmstead, Emily Fitzroy, Gertrude Astor, Otis Harlan, Charles Gerard and others.

Roy D'Arcy, whose portrayal of the sinister crown prince in "The Merry Widow," established him in motion picture hall of fame overnight, has another big villain role in "Bardeys the Magnificent," King Victor's Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly. As in "The Merry Widow," John Gilbert, who is starring in this picture, will be D'Arcy's nemesis. Eleanor Boardman is the leading woman and the cast includes Karl Dane, John T. Murray, Arthur Lubin, Lionel Belmore, and many others.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"SPANGLES"—LAST TIME TO-DAY.

O'Malley is seen in "Spangles" in the role of a youth who, escaping from an escapade which places him under suspicion of a crime, "joins up" with the circus as a "tough-neck" or labourer, and meets the pretty star bareback rider, and pet of the show-folk, which sympathetic role is portrayed by Miss Nixon.

The love affair between the "razor-back"—another circus term for labourer—and the equestrienne gives opportunities for bringing out many points of circus etiquette and caste. The side-lights on circus life, as well as the scenes of the freaks at work and at play, supply the indispensable "comedy relief."

Conflict is supplied by Hobart Bosworth, as the circus owner, who is also in love with the girl "Spangles," and manages to place a number of obstacles in O'Malley's way. Gladys Brockwell appears in the sympathetic role of the lion-tamer.

Raffles, the entertainer who has set Hong Kong into a state of puzzlement, will appear with an entire change of programme, which will formulate even more queries as to how it is done. This is a good show.

AT THE STAR.

"PARIS"—LAST SHOWING TO-DAY.

This picture is a graphic mystery drama laid in the Paris underworld, with Charles Ray, forsaking his country roles, playing a debonaire American youth, come to Paris for a good time and, though falling in love with a beautiful Apache dancer, enmeshed in a strange feud in the subterranean city of the Paris Apaches.

Jean Crawford plays the girl, and Douglas Gilmore "The Cat," sinister ruler of the Paris underworld gangsters. Among the notables in the cast are Mme. Rose Dione, famous protegee of Sarah Bernhardt, Michael Vassaroff, Jean Caleron and others.

The Apache dance, staged in "The Birdcage," noted haunt of the Paris gangsters, a vivid battle between Miss Crawford and another girl for the love of her hero, are high spots in the story.

WORLD THEATRE.

"TRY NAME IS WOMAN"—TO-DAY.

The cast of this film includes such favourites as Ramon Novarro, Barbara La Marr, Edith Roberts, William V. Mong, Wallace MacDonald, Robert Edeson and Claire McDowell.

The story is centered around the beautiful young wife of an old smuggler in the Spanish Pyrenees. A dashing young soldier is sent to make love to her and thus find the key that will lead to the capture of the crafty bandit.

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Date	Sunrise	Sunset	
May	a.m.	p.m.	
16	5.43	6.56	
17	5.43	6.56	
18	5.42	6.57	
19	5.42	6.57	
20	5.41	6.58	
21	5.41	6.58	
22	5.41	6.59	
23	5.41	7.00	
24	5.40	7.00	
25	5.40	7.00	
26	5.40	7.01	
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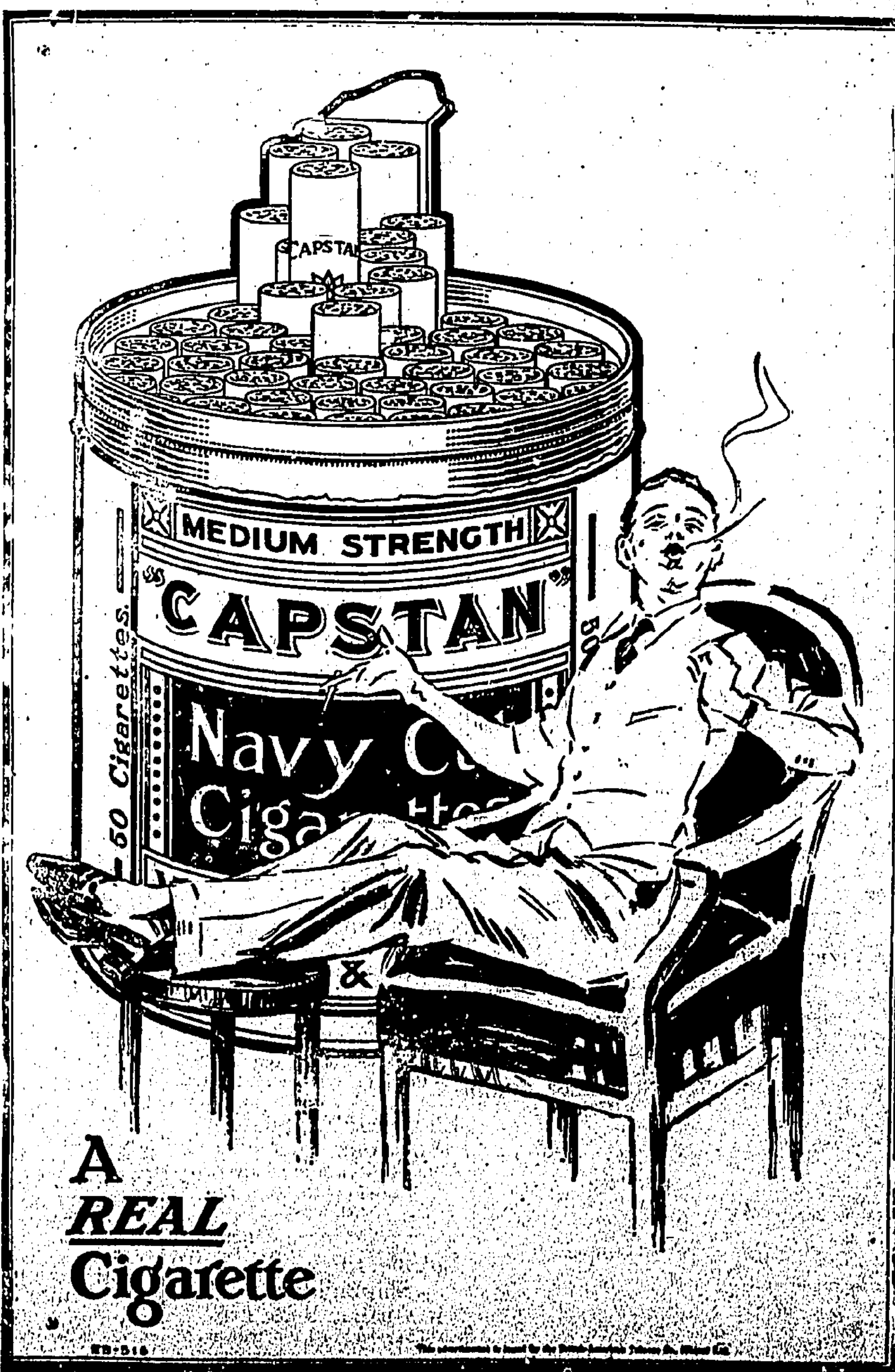
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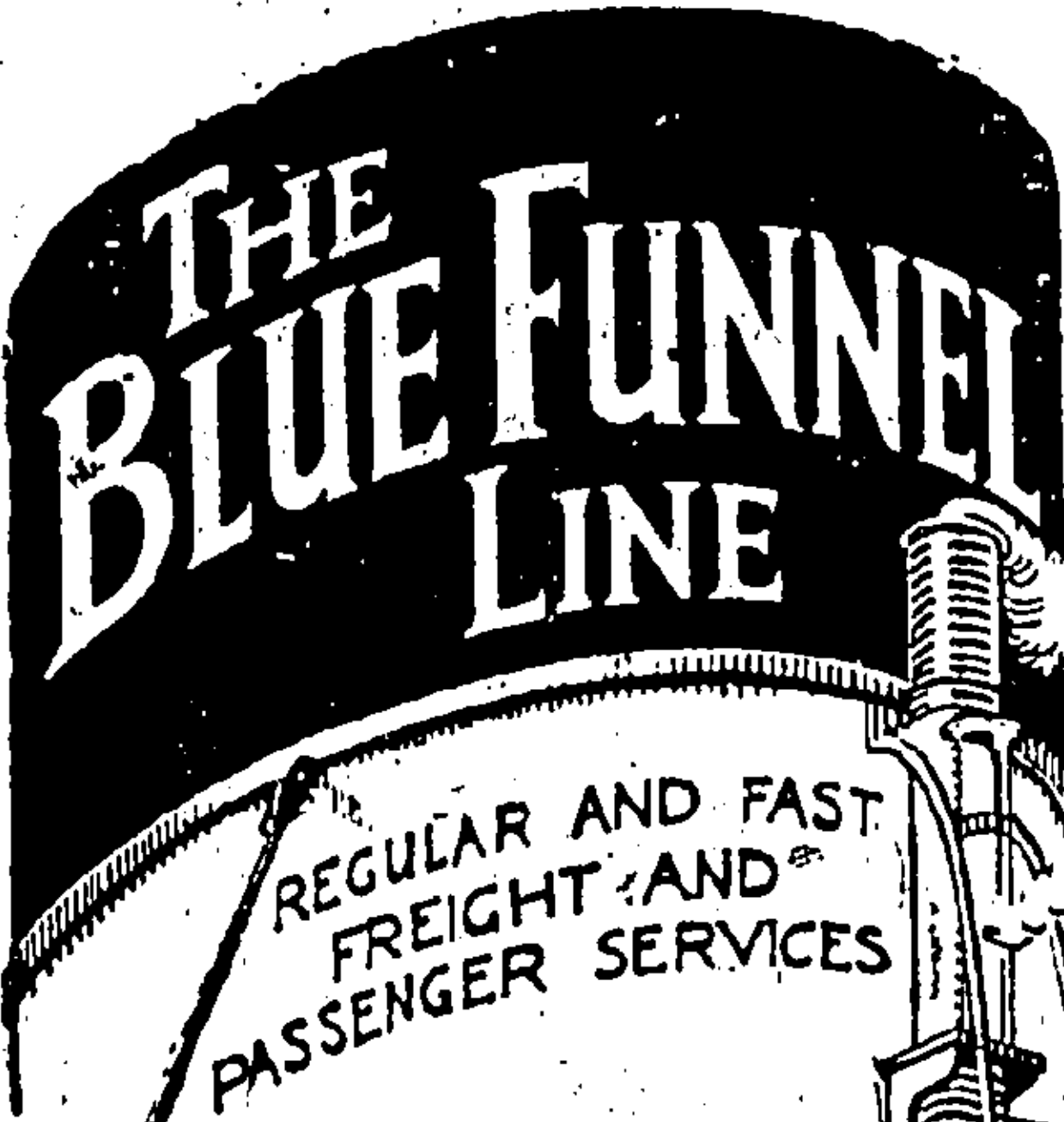
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Shanghai	27	Morea.
Straits	29	Hakozaki Maru.
Manila	30	Empress of Canada.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	MONDAY, MAY	Per	Time
Swatow	16	Cheongshing	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui & Wuchow		Sunning	4 p.m.
Manila		Pres. Cleveland	4.30 p.m.
Amoy		Soochow	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa		Lahore	5 p.m.
Bangkok		Confucius	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	17	Hai Ching	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 17th June. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Calchas.	
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Swatow		Kwongsang	5 p.m.
Amoy		Talamba	5 p.m.
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Swatow & Amoy	18	Van Hurter	1.30 p.m.
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LINK WITH THE PAST SEVERED.

LATE MRS. ALEX RODGER.

The "China Mail" regrets to record the death of Mrs. Alex Rodger, whose husband was for many years manager of the China Sugar Refinery. Mrs. Rodger, who was well known to many old residents, first came to the Colony in the early eighties and left here in 1915 when her husband retired.

Since then Mrs. Rodger had resided at Kinn, Argylshire, where she passed away on 9th instant after a lingering illness, survived by her husband and five daughters, two of whom are unmarried.

Four daughters of Mrs. Rodger were married in Hong Kong, viz the late Mrs. William Nicholson, Mrs. T. E. Pearce (who was at home when her mother died), Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, and Mrs. G. B. Dunnett.

PLUCKY RESCUE.

WOMAN SAVED FROM DROWNING.

HARBOUR FERRY INCIDENT.

A plucky rescue took place in the harbour on Saturday afternoon. While the ferry launch "Man Hing" was crossing from Shamshui to Hong Kong and was in mid-stream, a Chinese woman accidentally fell overboard. The strong current carried her away rapidly and she would undoubtedly have been drowned but for the prompt action of a Chinese male passenger of the launch. He jumped in fully clothed as soon as the alarm was given, and swimming out to the woman, grabbed her just as she bobbed out of the water. With great difficulty the man kept her head above water and they floated along until the launch was able to turn round and pick them up. Neither was any the worse for the wetting and did not go to hospital.

BITES FROM DOGS.

LADY RESIDENT OF PEAK A VICTIM.

On Saturday on the Peak Mrs. T. E. Pearce was bitten by a terrier dog owned by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Director of Public Works. Mrs. Pearce was attended to by Dr. Smalley. Mr. Cressy's dog and another owned by Mrs. Pearce were taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese employed at Holt's Wharf was yesterday bitten by a dog in Salisbury Road, Kowloon. He went to hospital for treatment. The dog was sent to the Mataukok Depot.

ARMED ROBBERS' HAUL.

Two robbers armed with revolvers broke into the hut of a widow living in Shapoi village, Aukoo, at 1 a.m. on Saturday. They tied up the woman and a companion and then ransacked the place, taking money, clothing and jewellery worth \$150.

CRASH IN THE STREET.

A collision occurred in Wing Lok Street yesterday afternoon between a sanitary lorry and a tramcar. One of the mud guards of the lorry was badly damaged.

Money and jewellery worth \$140 were stolen by a burglar from the first floor of No. 5B, Chancery Lane on Saturday night.

A burglar entered third floor of No. 301, Des Voeux Road West last night and made a haul of money and jewellery worth \$188.

Suffering from injuries received as the result of jumping from a moving bus in Chatham Road, Kowloon, a Chinese was yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

INTIMIDATION?

A SEQUEL TO THE "SQUEEZE" CASE.

MAGISTRATE AND PREJUDICE.

There was a sequel to what Mr. R. E. Lindsell referred to as Saturday's "squeeze" case at the Magistracy this morning when Sub-Inspector Shaftain of the S.C.A. brought up three members of the gang of the two men who were convicted for obtaining by menace, from five unlicensed truck pullers a percentage of their earnings. All three men were charged with intimidation. The first two were arrested on Saturday afternoon and the other on Sunday. Sub-Inspector Shaftain had anticipated trouble after the case on Saturday and took the precaution to send some of his men out for special duty on Wing Lok wharf, and this, accord-

TRAVELLERS WARNED.

Trans-Siberian Route Not Advisable.

Peking, May 15. Some Britishers intended to travel from here to England via the trans-Siberia Railway this week but the British Legation has received a wire from the Foreign Office instructing them not to proceed by that route for the present. —Reuter.

ing to him, had the effect of preventing what might have been serious trouble on both days. The men were originally taken into Major Willson's Court but as that Magistrate had a big list of cases they were transferred to Mr. Lindsell's Court.

Before Mr. Lindsell, all three accused, one of whom was a witness for the defence, pleaded "not guilty" and as they were arrested at different times the Magistrate decided to take their cases separately.

Evidence was then taken against the first accused. A complainant in Saturday morning's case said that at 3 p.m. on the same day he was resting on the wharf, after returning from a job, when accused came up to him and said "You were offered \$5 not to go to Court, why did you go?" At this stage Mr. Lindsell said: "I can't take this case. It has just occurred to my mind that I am bound to be prejudiced in view of the previous case." The accused were accordingly referred back to Major Willson who fixed hearing of the case for 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

SIR FRANCIS AGLIN.

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Tokyo, May 15. It is announced that the Emperor has awarded the order of the Rising Sun (First Class) to Sir Francis Aglin.—Reuter. [Sir Francis Aglin who was "dismissed" from his post as Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has already been awarded a K.C.M.G. in recognition of his distinguished services.]

BOARDING HOUSE THEFT.

A woman guest of the Ming Lee Chan Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, had jewellery worth \$220 stolen from her room during Saturday night.

A Chinese woman living at No. 21, Park Street was on Saturday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from opium poisoning, alleged to have been self-administered.

An American named R. J. Collins, described as an engineer, was on Saturday taken to the hospital suffering from injuries received, according to the police reports, as the result of falling down while under the influence of liquor.

LATEST PIRACY.

CANTON JUNK SEIZED GOING TO MACAO.

SONS TAKEN FOR RANSOM.

While on the voyage from Canton to Macao with a cargo of plums and firewood on May 10, a trading junk registered at Macao, was attacked by pirates at 7 a.m., off Wongtinhau near Kuso. The pirates came in a launch with black funnel and red top. The men were armed with rifles and revolvers. They boarded the junk, and after binding the crew, towed the boat to a nearby island where they placed the women ashore and steamed away with the junk in tow and the two grown-up sons of the mistress on board whom they are holding for ransom. The women and children were picked up 24 hours later by another trading junk and taken to Shekuchau where they were transferred to a small fishing boat and taken to Cheung Chau, where they arrived on Saturday afternoon. The cargo and property on the stolen junk is worth \$870.

HID THEM IN HIS SHOES.

For the possession of lottery tickets a Chinese was this morning fined \$50 by Major Willson. The alternative was four weeks' jail.

The man was arrested on the Wing Lok wharf on Saturday evening coming ashore from the "Sui An," and the tickets were found hidden in his shoes.

COOLIE'S TERRIBLE INJURIES.

A coolie employed by the Kowloon Tong Estate Co., fell from the trailer of a motor lorry on Saturday, in Paio Street, Shamshui, and had both his legs badly crushed by the wheels going over them. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital where he died yesterday.

SMART POLICE WORK.

Robbers raided No. 22 Main Street, Apichau, on Saturday night and made a haul of clothing and jewellery worth \$140. Later the police arrested one man, and succeeded in recovering all the stolen property except a gold finger ring worth \$9.

SHARP MANILA QUAKE.

Manila, May 14. A sharp earthquake which lasted twenty seconds was felt here shortly after eleven o'clock last night. The quake was of sufficient violence to awaken sleepers.—Reuter.

SAFE FORCED OPEN.

The safe of the Ying Shing Grocery in Connaught Road West was forced open on Saturday and \$360 stolen.

Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd., are progressing with the construction of the Singapore dock. Seven sections are being built, three of which may be launched in July. The work involves 20,000 tons of steel and 4,000,000 rivets.

NOTICE.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.
HONG KONG BRANCH.

MEMBERS are informed that an ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING will be held at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, (entrance in Pottinger Street) on TUESDAY, 17th May, 1927, at 5 o'clock p.m. BUSINESS: Election of General Secretary and Branch Secretary.

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